

of obtaining personal freedom, better education, adequate pay and professional status. All legitimate demands, and in the interest not only of the nurses but of the community, but we in this country, who know how stern and bitter has been the struggle for our professional freedom, are able intimately to sympathise with our colleagues in Germany, to rejoice with them that, chiefly through the work of the German Nurses' Association, a uniform standard of nursing education and examination has been won for the nurses of the

fronted. It will take time to translate its aspirations into facts, but as these have their origin in justice and righteousness the full realization of its desires is only a matter of time. The future is bright with hope, for German women enter the profession of nursing with a good general education and knowledge of the domestic arts, a simplicity and industry which are an excellent stock on which to graft the special knowledge and skill required of them in the practice of their profession. And the great German nation is keenly



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Empire, which, if not all that can be desired, is a foundation upon which to build, and the attainment of which carries with it the right to the title of registered nurse.

Those who have met some of the many grand and earnest women forming that Association will be sure that they are working whole-heartedly in support of the aims which they have set before themselves in their professional organization, realizing the strength which is derived from unity of purpose.

The work of the German nurses has been uphill in the past, and it is difficult to realize the obstruction with which it has been con-

alive to the value of thoroughness in education, and will no doubt realize the justice of the demand of its nurses for higher professional standards, reasonable hours of work, and sufficient remuneration for their skilled labour, which the German Nurses' Association, with the indispensable aid of its official organ, *Unterm Lazaruskreuz*, is struggling to attain.

The members of the International Council of Nurses from overseas bring to their President heartfelt admiration for her splendid work, not only for German nurses, but for the profession at large, and their loyal support in her endeavours for its welfare.

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