

Already we hear of practical men and women in the various Provinces associating to manage their own hospital and nursing affairs. Suffrage and State Registration Acts are coming into force, and no doubt the Canadian nurses will intimate their right to express an opinion demanding the certified standard of nursing for the poor, which is acceptable to the rich.

The United States of America has given the nursing world a magnificent lead, and Canadian nurses have availed themselves widely of the spacious facilities for acquiring thorough knowledge and skill in the Training Schools of the United States. Canada is not in the future going to play second fiddle in any nursing orchestra. Its Nursing Schools and standards must be second to none, and Superintendents with the courage of Miss Ard Mackenzie will, let us hope, speak out for the protection of the sick in every Province of the Dominion.

The Report of the King Edward Nurses for 1916 (the South African Memorial to commemorate the life and aims of King Edward VII) is one of satisfactory progress. Three new unit nurse stations have been opened, and the establishment of a fourth approved, subject to certain conditions. The Executive Committee state that it is evident there is a growing recognition and appreciation of the work in bringing nurses within the reach of those, particularly in the country districts, who would, owing to remoteness from towns, or to financial difficulties, otherwise be unable to obtain them. It is hoped that after the war the development of the Order may be even more rapid.

The development of the native side of the Order is still under consideration. Particularly interesting is the new development, referred to both by the Executive, and by the Lady Superintendent, Miss J. E. Pritchard, in her report, of placing two King Edward Nurses in Johannesburg for one year experimentally, on the lines of Queen's Nurses in England—*i.e.*, for entirely free work in the poorest districts. The work is, Miss Pritchard states, being more and more appreciated as the people begin to realise the benefits of trained nursing, and as the nurses gradually break down old-standing prejudices against cleanliness and proper nursing.

In concluding her report Miss Pritchard "takes the opportunity of thanking all the nurses on the staff for their loyal co-operation in carrying on the work of the Order. It has not been easy for them to remain steadily working at the ordinary routine, and to resist the temptation of volunteering for war work."

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FLOOR POLISH.

The "Shell" Brand Floor Polish, supplied by Messrs. H. Hamilton & Co., Possilpark, Glasgow, would be hard to beat.

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