

additional benefit, and to work such schemes through their organisations. No extra benefit could be more appropriate in the homes of the industrial classes than nursing, and as the Health Department has informed these Societies that they can devote surplus funds to such an object, we have no doubt it will be widely adopted. The Leicester District Nursing Association is moving in the matter, and at its recent annual meeting, the Mayor took the opportunity of calling attention to the great interest the city took in nursing.

"There were very few associations," he remarked, "in Leicester at all events, which had so large a subscription list, numbering as it did over 1,200 subscribers." In particular, his Worship mentioned the instance of the tribute paid to Nurse Barfield by the people of Belgrave, who had raised over £200 in recognition of her twelve years' faithful service in that district. He thought that the same appreciation should be extended by the public to all the nurses.

An effort is at present being made in Glasgow in furtherance of the Nurses' Memorial to King Edward the VII. A Home has already been established in Edinburgh, and it is now proposed that a similar institution should be founded in Glasgow, where it is required to meet the needs of a number of nurses who are incapacitated from further work and for whom there is no accommodation. In aid of this scheme a sale of work is to be held in the Victoria Infirmary on Saturday, 28th May, when it is hoped that a large sum of money will be realised. The sale of work has been postponed from Saturday, 16th April, the date previously arranged.

### REGISTRATION THROUGHOUT HIS MAJESTY'S DOMINIONS.

For many years we have kept up a wide international and imperial correspondence. This is the more easy, as through this Journal our colleagues overseas can keep an eye on our doings. Just now, of course, throughout the Dominions a very keen interest is taken in the doings of the General Nursing Councils, as by and bye the Imperial clauses in the Nursing Acts will come into force, which provide for the registration of nurses in His Majesty's Dominions, where there is an enactment . . . having the force of law, providing for the registration of nurses under some public authority . . . if the standard of training and examinations required . . . is not lower than the standard of

training and examination required under this Act."

Turning to the Dominions, the nurses of New Zealand and Canada are, in many instances, ready to avail themselves of registration in the United Kingdom if they wish to do so, and in some instances nurses trained in South Africa and Australia. Throughout the Commonwealth of Australia, however, the opposition of the training schools, or lack of support given, has so far prevented Acts for the Registration of Nurses becoming-law, although Bills have been before the Legislatures for this purpose, both in New South Wales and Victoria, and have been actively supported by progressive leaders like Miss Glover and Miss Gretta Lyons.

Now the lack of legal status for nurses in Australia will become a serious disadvantage to them, should they desire to practise in the Mother Country, and we therefore urge them to rouse themselves, and insist upon a liberal Act being passed to enable them to enjoy reciprocity throughout the British Empire. In South Africa, also, Nursing Acts are most necessary, providing for adequate representation of Registered Nurses on the Governing Body set up.

We are glad to know that in India the Nurses' organisations are moving on the question of registration, and are in high hopes of carrying legislation to enforce it.

Many of our correspondents acknowledge their gratitude to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in keeping them well informed on the subject. Miss J. Charlotte Hanington, the Chief Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, writes: "We consider out here THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to be the standard Nursing Journal of England." We know it to be so, as it is the only weekly Nursing Journal owned, controlled and edited by trained nurses. Miss Hanington continues: "I am very interested in English nurses. Though I have had some very unfortunate experiences with them, I also have some particularly splendid nurses in this Order with Old Country training. I am convinced that England is still the mother of good nursing. I have one or two English nurses with public health training in England whom I have been able to put straight into districts, and you would think they had been there all their lives. Some day I am sending Miss C. over to bring back a ship load of such!"

This corroborates what we are often hearing at home—that district nurses must have preventive as well as curative nursing experience to fit them for social service.

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