

THE ADVANCE OF AUSTRALIA

ONE of the interesting things the Royal Victorian (Australia) Trained Nurses' Association has done has been to establish an accepted standard of qualifications for matrons (training-school superintendents), and to win for it the cordial approbation of lay managers of hospitals. The R. V. T. N. A. gives a post-graduate certificate to matrons who prepare themselves and successfully meet the demands of this standard, and, although this is all quite voluntary, several matrons now in hospital positions have applied for this certificate, and it seems likely that, in time to come, public opinion will require it of nurses applying for positions as heads of training-schools.

The main points covered are that the applicant must be qualified on administration, hospital management, and training or teaching.

INTERESTING mention of a new nursing journal managed by French nurses, of a projected school of nursing in Rome and of the opening of a large hospital in Dortmund by the German Nurses' Association, and with a school on advanced modern lines, come too late for this number, and, needing adequate mention, will be taken up in a later issue.

COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION

THE Colonial Nursing Association, under English auspices, sends nurses into the most remote and forgotten corners of the earth, such as the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic, Pahang in the Federated Malay States, and corners of Africa, the very names of which are hardly known to American nurses. It is quite desirable for nurses taking these posts to be certified midwives, and, further, to understand tropical diseases. For the latter, a special three-months' course is open to them at the London or Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

LEAGUE JOURNALS

THE number of league journals now edited by British nurses has rapidly outgrown our records, and we hope soon to give a full list of them.

AN AMERICAN HOSPITAL IN PARIS

AN American hospital for the city of Paris has been talked of for a number of years and is now soon to become a reality. An asso-