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IN another column, our readers will find extracts from the last Report made by the Inspector of Hospitals in New Zealand to the Government of that great Colony; and it affords us much pleasure, mingled with some pain, to call their earnest attention to some notable features in this Report.

In the first place, it is a source of natural and profound satisfaction to ourselves, as it must be to all earnest workers for Nursing reforms, to observe how the light is spreading, how in every part of the world progress is now being made, and how universally it is being recognized that Nursing is a great and honourable profession, and one which, for the sake of the sick, must be regulated and controlled by State authority. The era of the "ministering angel" and the silly sentimentality inseparable from that aspect of the work, and which did so much harm, has, we hope, as completely passed as the days and degradation for ever associated with Sairey Gamp. The era of the trained Nurse as a woman desirous to do the best possible professional work in her

power has dawned, and will brighten into fullest day. The genuine trained Nurse in 1901 demands that she may be properly educated for the important duties to be entrusted to her, and that her profession may be properly supervised and controlled for the safety of the public as well as for its own honour and renown. The movement, therefore, for a uniform standard and curriculum of education, followed by a uniform examination and certification, and culminating in the organisation of the whole Nursing profession under a body appointed by the State for that purpose, which was commenced some years ago by ourselves in England, has now spread east and west, north and south; and at the present moment efforts are being made in every part of the world to achieve this programme.

It will be remembered by our readers that some ten years ago, at the Cape of Good Hope, Nurses were registered for the first time under Parliamentary authority. Now, in New Zealand, another and even more progressive Colony is considering legislation on broader and more perfect lines. As we go to press we learn that the Bill for the Registration of Nurses, recently published in these columns,

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