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The nurses of New Zealand value their State Registration, and before leaving her training school there are few nurses who do not enter for the State examination.

Yours faithfully,

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#### SPECIAL NURSES AND STATE REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of the "British Journal of Nursing."

DEAR MADAM,—In reading over the Nurses' Bill, I see that mental nurses are to be registered in their special branch. With regard to infectious work (which, of course, I now take an interest in) I take it, and rightly so, that this branch should be looked upon as an addition of special work to be taken either before or after the three years' general training? In consequence possibly all special hospitals, such as those for infectious diseases, children, etc., where a training of two or three years is given, may, to a certain extent, suffer by a decrease of applicants in their desire for the acquisition of the compulsory three years' general training with its object in view. Infectious hospitals usually take probationers from 20 years of age. Children's hospitals have to do the same to keep the number required going. The youth of the probationer has its drawbacks from several points of view. There is no question as to this. As Matron of a large Children's Hospital, and now of an Infectious one, I speak from many years of experience. I have always been most keen about probationers going in for general work after the completion of their training in both children's and infectious work; but the difficulty arises in the fact that these nurses are so often refused entrance to the large general hospitals, London and the provinces, *because they have had a previous training.*

I feel that the time has come when this matter should be fairly dealt with in view of what is now before us. Special hospitals must exist, and they must be nursed in an adequate manner with regard to quantity and quality of nursing material.

Circumstances frequently press, and time is precious to many desirous of taking up nursing as a profession. I am altogether in favour of the registration of trained nurses; but I would like to feel that *all* branches of nursing are going to benefit by this progressive movement in the achievement of more mutual help.

H.M.T.

## Notices.

We beg to thank many kind readers, both at home and abroad, for their appreciative letters concerning the Official Report of the Paris Nursing Conference, which has appeared in this Journal, and value such appreciation sincerely. We hope that they will all order a copy of the "Transactions," which will be ready by and bye, price 5s., from the Hon. Sec., International Council of Nurses, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. The "Transactions" of the Congress at Buffalo, 1901, and of the First Quinquennial Meeting at Berlin in 1904, together with those about to be issued should find a place in the Libraries of every Nursing School, and also on the book shelf of every nurse who loves her profession.

#### THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

All those desirous of helping on the important movement of this Society to obtain an Act providing for the Legal Registration of Trained Nurses can obtain all information concerning the Society and its work from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Those nurses who are working on behalf of the above Society, and are endeavouring to spread knowledge as to its aims, may be glad to know that they can now obtain a Memorandum, giving briefly the reasons why Registration is necessary, from the Hon. Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. Price 6d. for 20 copies.

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