

a three years' certificate of training in a recognised hospital. A post-graduate midwifery certificate is considered advisable, but not obligatory. Presumably nurses drafted into the Dominion will have to conform to the State Registration Act, otherwise it would be unjust to those nurses who have raised their status in New Zealand by doing so.

Speaking recently at Wellington, New Zealand, Lady Islington said it was imperative to have a system of supplying nurses from the hospitals who could give attention to people in the remote districts. Schemes were in existence, plans would be matured at an early date, and she would like to think that there would some day be a chain of cottages all over New Zealand where nurses could be easily accessible by telephone, and able to go over tracks, if not by roads, to the assistance of those in need of skilled attention. It was sad to read of men who, through the necessity of undertaking rough journeys, greatly prejudiced their chance of recovery from accident, and she quoted one pitiful instance of a settler's child dying through exposure as a result of being carried a number of miles by its father to the nearest hospital where treatment could be given for an illness which turned out to be diphtheria. If there had been a nurse available to look after the child in its own home that sad end might have been prevented. Lady Islington added that she had been struck with the tremendous public-spiritedness which prevailed in New Zealand.

So far as it has gone, New Zealand's district nursing scheme has proved a marked success, and at a recent Hospitals Conference the Inspector-General of Hospitals (Dr. Valentine) expressed a confident belief that its extension would be seen in the next few years. The number of maternity nurses, however, especially in the far North, is still greatly below requirements, and it is recognised that encouragement must be given to women to take up this work in country districts.

The Department of Nursing and Health in connection with Teacher's College, New York, has added a fourth section this term—a Preparatory Course for Women proposing to train in hospitals. The four sections will comprise:—

1. Teaching and supervision in training schools for nurses.

2. General administration in training schools and hospitals.

3. Public service as school nurses, district nurses, board of health assistants, and sanitary inspectors.

4. A Preparatory Course for admission to schools for nurses.

The Nurses' Choral and Social League will give a concert at Kensington Town Hall on December 7th.

The Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street, London, W., are issuing invitations to an "At Home," on Friday, December 1st, at The Nurses' Club, 35, Langham Street, W., when the Show of the Nurses' Needlework Guild will take place in the Club Room from 3.30—5.30. This is always a most interesting display of garments of all kinds, which replenish the cupboards of a number of London Hospitals with most useful clothing for patients.

NURSES AND INTERNATIONALISM.

The Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast says: "The project of arranging for a Nurses' Congress in connection with the Panama Exposition, at San Francisco, in the year 1915, was brought up for discussion at the annual meeting of the California State Nurses' Association, in Los Angeles. Resolutions of approval were passed, and a committee appointed for preliminary arrangements. In addition to plans for a meeting of our State and National Associations at this time, it has been proposed to invite the International Council of Nurses to hold its Fourth Triennial Meeting at that time and place. It would seem most fitting that our three Pacific Coast organisations, of the Washington, Oregon, and California State Associations should join hands as hostesses upon the occasion, and suggestions on this line from the North will be welcomed with keenest interest."

The Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast notifies with pleasure that the suggestion meets with the approval of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and the International Secretary, Miss L. L. Dock. So now, as soon as "Cologne" is over, we must begin to save our pennies for San Francisco, as the commemoration of the opening of the Panama Canal is an event of immense international significance. It links the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and brings the Pacific Coast through water traffic into direct communication with Europe and Africa without doubling Cape Horn.

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