

### THE NEW ZEALAND TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

#### MISS JEANNIE M. SUTHERLAND.

Miss Jeannie M. Sutherland, who attends the meeting of the International Council of Nurses as one of the four delegates from the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, was born and educated in the Dominion, in the town of Dunedin, and received her three years' professional training at the Dunedin Hospital, which ranks high as a training school for nurses. She afterwards worked at the Auckland Hospital, and since 1898 has been Matron of the Chalet Private Hospital, which she built for the purpose.

The affiliation of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association with the International Council is especially gratifying, as the Dominion was the first country to pass a Nurses Registration Bill, which became law in 1901, followed in 1904 by a Midwives Act, and in 1908 by a Private Hospitals Act. It is true that Cape Colony provided for the registration of its nurses in 1891, but this was effected by the inclusion of some clauses in the Medical and Pharmacy Act, and the State is only one of a number in South Africa. To New Zealand belongs the honour of the first Nurses Registration Act.

The Act has now been in operation long enough to test its value, and the official testimony of the late Dr. MacGregor, and of Dr. Valintine, the Inspector-General of Hospitals,

is unanimous as to its value. Recently also Dr. Chapple, M.P., who has practised in New Zealand, and been a Member of Parliament in the Dominion, and is now a Member of the House of Commons in this country, has paid high tribute to the effect of the Act in attracting a better class of women to the profession, raising the status of nurses, and their whole standard and tone.

The Dominion has instituted an excellent system of State Maternity Hospitals, known as the St. Helen's Hospitals, in which patients are received, and midwifery nurses trained and prepared for the State examination.

Under the Private Hospitals Act licences are only issued to registered nurses and registered midwives, or to institutions where a registered nurse or midwife is in the position of manager. These hospitals are now regularly inspected and a report made upon them to Government through Miss Maclean, Assistant Inspector of Hospitals.

In addition to her many public duties, Miss Maclean is President of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, and editor of its official organ, *Kai-Tiaki*.

The delegates nominated to represent the Association are Miss J. M. Sutherland, Matron and Proprietor of the Chalet Hospital, Dunedin; Mrs. Holgate, a native of New Zealand, who received her training at the Middlesex Hospital, London, and for some years has had a nursing home in Wellington; and Miss Beswick, for 20 years Matron of the Seacliff Mental Hospital, Otago.



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