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To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

THE TREATMENT OF NURSES.

Sir—It is perhaps unnecessary for very much comment to be made, after the very able manner in which the subject has been handled by the writer of yesterday's article in the *Hongkong Telegraph*, on the treatment of the Sisters in the service of the Government of Hongkong, but it might be of use for one who has seriously considered the question to add a few remarks to those already set forth.

The main reason for which these lines are written is to draw particular attention to what appears to a looker-on the almost unparalleled hardships to which these sisters are exposed—such for instance as the long and tedious hours of work—day in and day out throughout the year with never any lessening of their normal duties but with often additional duties to perform owing to the absence from sickness or on leave of other sisters.

It is only necessary to look at those sisters who have remained at their post for, say, four years and one can realise the terrible strain which taxes their vitality. I venture to say that all these sisters arrived in this Colony healthy and energetic women but after a few years—Where is their health, where their energy?