

The principal matter considered was the formulation of recommendations concerning legislation to consolidate existing enactments and to bring the practise of physiotherapy into line with overseas provisions.

Other matters dealt with included—

- (a) Reciprocity with overseas registration authorities.
- (b) Conduct of State examinations.
- (c) Establishment of a panel of examiners.
- (d) Bursaries for students.
- (e) Refresher courses for tutor physiotherapists.
- (f) Administration of light therapy by registered nurses.
- (g) Provisional registration of overseas personnel.

#### *Opticians Board*

The Opticians Board met on two occasions during the year. A further 11 opticians were registered during the year, 8 holding the New Zealand qualification and 3 holding English qualifications. As at 31st March, 1949, 317 persons were registered as opticians under the Opticians Act, 1928, of whom 263 persons were actually in practice as opticians.

A total of 62 candidates presented themselves for examination in the various sections of the State Examination in Optics held during November, 1948. Of this number, 13 completed the final section of the examination and so became eligible for registration.

#### *The Plumbers Board of New Zealand*

The function of the Plumbers Board, among other things, is to examine, register, and license plumbers. The Board met three times during the year.

Examinations were held during May and October at twenty-two centres extending from Whangarei to Invercargill. Two hundred and fourteen candidates sat for the written portion of the examination, 140 securing a pass. Two hundred and sixty-nine sat for the practical test in workmanship, 126 securing a pass. One hundred and twenty-six qualified for registration.

As at 31st December, 1948, 3,407 plumbers were registered by the Board.

#### *The King George V Memorial Fund Board*

This Board was established in December, 1938, pursuant to the King George V Memorial Fund Act, 1938, to administer the Fund publicly subscribed and subsidized by the Government on a pound-for-pound basis. The purpose of the Fund is the establishment, improvement, and maintenance of a series of children's health camps dedicated as a national memorial to the late King George V.

The Board held three meetings during the year. In addition, the Chairman and members have made inspections of five of the eight camps owned by the Board. A ninth camp is at present being constructed at Pakuranga, and it is expected that it will be opened during 1949. Ultimately this camp will accommodate 100 children, but until all buildings have been completed it will be necessary to restrict admissions to approximately half that number.

The management of each of these camps is in the hands of a Camp Management Committee set up by the New Zealand Federation of Health Camps (Inc.).