

## NOTICES.

As it is probable that the Editor will be absent from the Dominion when the next issue of this Journal is due in July, Miss Bicknell, Miss Bagley, and Miss Inglis of St. Helens Hospital, Wellington, have undertaken to form an Editorial Committee. The Editor would be glad if all contributions in Auckland district are sent to Miss Bagley, c/o District Health Department, Auckland, and any others to Miss Inglis, St. Helens Hospital, Wellington, or Miss Bicknell, Hospital Department, Parliament Buildings, Wellington, hopes also that the Matrons of Hospitals and nurses will forward any items of interest for the Journal. Papers on special cases or treatments would be gratefully received. Any letters from nurses working abroad or those engaged in war nursing are particularly asked for. New subscribers and advertisers will be welcomed

Miss Bicknell has been appointed Deputy Matron-in-Chief during Miss Maclean's absence.

The Editor wishes to thank those nurses and friends who have kindly sent her so many interesting articles and letters for the Journal. She also desires to thank the nurses who have expressed their appreciation of KAI TIAKI and so encouraged her to continue the work of editing.

In connection with the subscription for KAI TIAKI, the Editor has made an arrangement with Mr. Conrad Boyes, the agent for Messrs. Stringer and Bridge, who travels through the Dominion and collects payments for the Nurses' Protection Against Accident and Sickness Fund, to at the same time obtain new subscribers for the Journal, and to collect and forward subscriptions to her. A small commission is paid for this service, which Mr. Boyes generously intends to devote to the Benevolent Funds for Nurses, instituted by the various branches. Therefore, in becoming subscribers and forwarding subscriptions through Mr. Boyes, nurses are at the same time helping these funds.

## New Zealand Army Nurses' Uniform

The Matron-in-Chief has been experiencing some difficulty in devising a suitable and comfortable uniform for the nurses to be sent to the Front, and for the service in general. It is sometimes a simple thing to devise, but difficult to have one's conceptions carried out; one's brightest ideas as to something quite original get a sudden set-back by the impossibility of procuring the material or garnishments one has thought of. Suggestions are made: "Why should our uniform not be something quite new? Let us discard the old-fashioned bonnet for instance," but what sort of hat can we substitute in its place? That question does not get a very lucid reply; and what shape of hat is sure to become all the varied types of countenance our contingent will possess? What shape of hat will defy wind and storm, and remain at its proper angle on the wearer's head? So we decide it will be a little bonnet for state occasions, and a hat for out-door service if required.

The question of material for out-door

is solved by a Petone woollen cloth of a dark grey, light and warm, dresses simply made, and coats of the same material to the hem of the dress, with easy slip-on sleeves; belt at the back; shoulder strap, scarlet-lined military collar, and the brass buttons of the New Zealand Military Forces. The grey silk Princess bonnet matches in colour exactly, and is fastened by a grey ribbon bow tied at the throat. Grey tagel sailor-shaped hats with a grey ribbon band are also provided.

For cotton dresses of a suitable colour it appears impossible to get sufficient material in New Zealand or Australia, and therefore the Matron-in-Chief has ordered them at Garronlds, the great Nurses' Emporium in London, to be ready on arrival.

Competitive designs for badges were submitted; it was exceedingly difficult to make a selection. We hope the one finally selected, which bears two New Zealand fern fronds and a red cross, will become known as the badge of an honourable and useful service,