

## The New Zealand Hospital

### War Office Sanction Obtained

HOUSE AT WALTON-ON-THAMES.

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The New Zealand War Contingent Association have had to abandon the idea of a convalescent home for wounded New Zealand soldiers, because the War Office has now decided that all such institutions must be under the military administration. The association, therefore, with the consent of the War Office, resolved to open an auxiliary hospital, and, after much consideration, their choice fell on Mount Felix, at Walton-on-Thames, about seventeen miles from London. The house overlooks the river, and is enclosed in beautifully laid-out grounds of about twenty acres. It has recently done duty as a depot for the Honorable Artillery Company.

The building itself is on two floors, and contains about thirty large and lofty rooms. On the ground floor is a very large reception-room, which will be used for secretarial offices and visitors, and can be turned

into a concert hall when desired. The rooms on the ground floor will contain about forty-five beds. Upstairs is a long central corridor, with rooms on either side. All these rooms lead into one another, so that by taking down the communicating doors there will be practically one long ward on either side of the corridor. It is arranged that here shall be the operating theatre, sterilising room, and X-ray department, etc. On both floors are bathrooms and lavatories. At the end of the long corridor is attached a building which will be converted into an observation hospital, and contains about five rooms. Detached, and at some distance from the main building, are the stables, over which there are six rooms and two kitchens. This building will be used as an isolation hospital.

Miss Tombe (Dunedin) has been appointed matron.—“Evening Post.”

## Red Cross Train

### Two Railway Carriages Transformed

At very short notice the Railway Department has equipped a couple of railway carriages for the transport of the wounded soldiers to various parts of the North Island. The work was carried out at the Petone Workshops, two first-class carriages being utilised for the purpose. The inside fittings of one of the carriages have been removed in their entirety, and twenty-four beds have been installed in two double rows of six beds each. The beds have been fitted with new mattresses and blankets, and the whole of the interior has been coated with white enamel paint. Lavatory and washing accommodation is provided at one end of the carriage. The other carriage somewhat resembles an operating theatre, but is really the dispensary. Only half of this carriage has been pressed into service for accommodating the wounded. In the centre is installed a movable table, to facilitate the dressing of the more serious wounds. Attached to the wall alongside

is a wire mattress, which can be propped up or lowered at pleasure, and when it is convenient to use this the centre table will not be necessary. The dispensary is furnished with a linen closet and a small fumigating chamber, in which the clothes of the invalids can be disinfected. In the corner is a copper cylinder, gas heated, for boiling water. Like the men's ward, the colour scheme is white, which gives the dispensary as bright an aspect as is possible in the circumstances. The seats in the other half of the carriage have not been removed, and will be used as quarters for the medical man and the nurses engaged on the Red Cross train. Both carriages are warmed with steam heaters, and the whole of the work has been carried out in the best style. Another Red Cross carriage is being fitted up in the South Island for the conveyance of wounded men who are landed there.—“Evening Post.”