

There is established a massage school at Dunedin in which the six months' course in anatomy and physiology and theory of massage and medical electricity is given at the University of Otago, and the twelve months' practical course at the Dunedin Hospital.

At Auckland Hospital a special course has been established for the nurses who have completed their statutory term of training and are registered. This course is for twelve months, and in the proposed Bill for the Registration of Masseurs, pupils who are already registered nurses will be eligible for examination and registration after twelve months. The Auckland course is very satisfactory. Lectures on anatomy and physiology are given by medical men, and practical teaching in massage and electricity by a qualified masseuse trained by members of the I.S.T.M.

There is no reason why the other large hospitals in the Dominion should not establish a similar course for their nurses in the fourth year. The practical work could be carried out in a properly-equipped Massage Department, such as it is necessary every principal hospital must establish, and in the wards to which the nurses are attached, and must be under the constant supervision of a qualified masseur or masseuse. The theoretical part can be established by appointing lecturers belonging to the medical profession, and be attended by the nurses either in off-duty time or by arrangement. A copy of the Auckland timetable is attached.

I hope that your Board will consider the possibility of instituting a similar course at your hospital. The Otago School of Massage is at present for masseurs and masseuses only; the term is 18 months; but the superior usefulness of a trained nurse with massage qualification in addition is so great that a post-graduate course for nurses in the chief hospitals is greatly

to be desired. This is even more essential for the proper training of nurses, as even apart from treatment of soldiers. the value of massage and allied treatments has been recently recognised for so many conditions of ordinary illness that without this training nurses will be much handicapped in their future work, and your patients would receive the benefit of a properly-organised system of massage treatment.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. P. FRENGLEY,

Acting-Inspector-General
of Hospitals.

The Secretary,

Hospital and Charitable Aid Board.

The Editor has been informed by the Medical Superintendent of the Auckland Hospital that it would be possible for some nurses from other schools to attend the course of lectures and practical work at the Auckland Hospital. These students would have to find their own accommodation, but otherwise would not be at much expense.

OTAGO NURSES' DAY AT THE RED CROSS SHOP.

"RECORD" RECEIPTS.

It was the Otago Nurses' Day at the Red Cross Shop to-day, and splendid results were obtained. The receipts totalled £171, which constitutes a record. This sum, together with a previous donation of £100, brings the nurses' contribution to the Military Convalescent Home at Montecillo up to £271. To-day's receipts did not include a donation of £2 which was collected by the children at Albany Street School, and sent along to the Red Cross shop.

Canterbury Branch

A lecture was given by Dr. Maud Fere on March 30th, at the Y.M.C.A. rooms, on the subject of "Women's position of the present day." The lecture was most interesting from every standpoint, showing what great advances have been made,

especially of late years, by women in every walk of life, and what future possibilities there are to be attained, providing they aim at the very highest ideals, before hoping to gain the goal for which they seek.