

labours. The mothers come to us once daily and for the second time we go to them, when the difficulty is to procure hot water and sometimes even cold. But results are decidedly encouraging.

We have among our mothers a pair whom I wish you could see. They are Jemenites, twin sisters 16 years old and very beautiful. One has a child of six months; the other a baby of five weeks. Both children were undersized and weakly but are now doing us credit. The two mothers have responded to the advice and assistance in a very intelligent fashion. Then we have a pair of twin babies of 11 months of Jemenite parentage. The

father is consumptive; he is a caretaker and has received no pay for quite four months. We are supplying the babies with milk and cod liver oil. They were underweight, flabby and pale, and took three weeks' anxious care and thought before they responded to treatment and began to progress favourably. One is doing better than the other, who unfortunately has glands.

I could go on indefinitely about our different babies, but I must not forget that infant care is far from unknown to you and there is no originality in the mismanagement of babies, it is much the same all the world over.

Plunket Certificates

The following trained nurses and midwives were successful in obtaining the Plunket Certificate, at the term examinations at the Karitane-Harris Hospital, Dunedin, during 1922 :—

April term : Nurses A. Brawn, K. Graham, H. Hyde, N. McClea, L. McDonald, J. Rogerson, F. Shirtcliff, E. Bevin, A. E. Elliott, M. Gell.

Aug. term : Nurses E. Barnby, M. Campbell, S. Duff, A. Hall, A. Lindschau, E. Makeig, H. Peters, E. Watson, E. Common, A. Currie, A. James.

Dec. term : Nurses L. Andrews, M. Carmichael, G. Crombie, G. Goldsworthy, M. Hitchcock, I. McRae, M. Cunley, F. Peacock, E. Nelson, A. Rae, R. Rawlings.

The following nurses were appointed to Plunket positions :—

Nurse E. M. Stronach	}	Auckland
„ Margaret Campbell		
„ Hilda Hyde	..	Carterton
„ A. Maclean	..	Dunedin
„ N. McClea	..	Christch.
„ Annie E. Elliot	..	Gisborne
„ Sylvia Goldsworthy		Invercargill
„ Jessie Rogerson	..	Marton
„ A. Wall	..	Nelson
„ A. M. Kearns	..	Palmston N
„ Olive M. Garrood		Taum'nui.
„ T. A. Foster	..	Wanganui
„ E. Makeig	}	Wellington
„ N. Barnby		
„ E. Baird-McLaughlin.		

A garden party was held on 28th March, at the Hon. A. T. Ngata's residence, at Kahakara, to farewell Nurse Blair, District Nurse to Natives, who was leaving the district, and to welcome Nurse Jamieson, who is succeeding her.

Speeches were made and Miss Blair was presented with a purse of sovereigns and many other tokens of esteem from the people among whom she had been working for the last two years.

Nurse Blair was the first nurse stationed here in the little cottage intended as a Home for the District Nurse and her assis-

tant, a young Maori girl, who cooks, keeps the place in perfect order, and occasionally accompanied the nurse on horseback round the district. The cottage has accommodation for one or two patients, but these are only admitted when absolutely necessary, as otherwise the nurse would be unable to attend to the needs of the country round.

At times the district is cut off by a flooded river and bad roads from any medical aid, except by telephone, and the nurse has to be entirely responsible for cases of accident, illness, or maternity cases.