

of the world after the Great War. The story woven through it of the hero's love and suffering is also of absorbing interest.

“NURSING OF DISEASES OF THE EYE.”

(By Jessie Elms, A.R.R.C.)

This little book, which is described as a “Simple Treatise for Nurses,” is written by the matron of the Sussex Eye Hospital, Brighton, and published by the Scientific Press, Ltd. In New Zealand we have no special Eye Hospitals, and the training of a nurse in the care of eye cases is, in some of the smaller hospitals especially, not very much emphasised.

The instruction conveyed in this little book in a simple and practical way should therefore be of great use to both probationers and qualified nurses.

The various diseases of the eye and accidents affecting the sight are clearly de-

scribed, and the appropriate treatment shortly given with methods of application. The book is illustrated by instruments used in operations on the eye. It can be recommended to all nurse-training schools and individual nurses, and is of moderate price—2/6.

Another small book sent by the Scientific Press is “Skin Diseases: Their Nursing and General Management.,” by G. Norman Meachen, M.D. Chapter I opens with the remark that cases of skin disease are not popular among nurses, and proceeds to explain the probable source of this feeling, which the author does not consider is in any way fear of infection or contagion. He certainly proceeds in this little book to make the subject vastly interesting, and to show how much nurses may do to alleviate sufferers from the various forms of skin disease. The book is one which should be very useful to nurses, and should be added to the reference libraries of the nurses' homes. It is published at the small price of 3/6.

Plunket Society

The society has been very fortunate in the late gifts of philanthropic citizens towards the work in the care of mothers and infants. Mr Arthur Myers has given £5000 for a Karitane Home in Auckland, and later Mr. A. C. Caughey has presented property worth at least £6000. With the assistance which will probably be afforded by the Government, the work of the society should now be placed on a very nice footing in Auckland.

It is suggested that a memorial tablet to the memory of Nurse Newall might be placed in a conspicuous place in the building. In Wellington, it is hoped very soon to open the rooms for the admission of mothers with their babies that have been set apart and appropriately furnished for the purpose at the Plunket centre in Kent Terrace. The rooms are very pleasant and suitable, and comfortable provision is made for the resident staff.

Dear Miss McLean,—

Enclosed you will find my subscription for “Kai Tiaki,” which I always enjoy reading. I would be pleased if you would let me know through the journal what the five points on the nurse's medal indicate, as I understand they have a special meaning.

Yours sincerely,

S. PERKINS.

[In reply to the above, the Editor has ascertained from Mrs. Grace Neill, in whose term of office nurses' registration was obtained, and the badge designed, that the five points were merely adopted from the New Zealand flag, on which are the five stars. There is no other special meaning.]