

Annual Meeting of the N.Z. O.W.W.W.

The first annual meeting of the N.Z. O.W.W.W. was held on Wednesday, May 5th, at the Nurses' Club, Kensington Street. The President, Miss Maclean, R.R.C., presided.

The Annual Report and Balance Sheet were read and adopted.

A letter was read from Miss Thurston, R.R.C., thanking members of the Association for their kind invitation, and saying how much she had enjoyed being present at the annual re-union. The report states "that it is satisfactory to record that, commencing with a strength of twenty-one the membership has risen to forty-eight."

A wreath from the Association was placed on the cenotaph on Anzac Day by the President, Miss Maclean, R.R.C., accompanied by several members.

The R.S.A. reserved a special portion for members of the Association at this service, and it is hoped that as many as possible will attend next year.

The guests of the Association for the re-union dinner were: Miss Thurston, C.B.E., R.R.C., President, Christchurch Association; Mrs. Deck, Member of Committee, Auckland Association; Mrs.

Wilson (England), N.Z. War Contingent Worker, and the three local Press representatives, Mrs. Chatfield, "Evening Post"; Miss Kane, "N.Z. Times"; Miss Bunting, "Dominion."

The matter of the name of the Association was discussed, the present one being too long. It was decided after a little discussion to ask members to send in suggestions to the Secretary for decision at a future meeting.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Miss Maclean, R.R.C.; Vice-Presidents, Miss Bicknell, A.R.-R.C.; Miss Brandon, A.R.R.C.; Miss V. MacLean, R.R.C.; Miss Willis, A.R.R.C.; Committee: Mrs. Corkhill, Mrs. Sadd, Misses Nicolson, McRae, A.R.R.C., Thompson; Joint Hon. Secretaries and Treasurer: Mrs. H. T. Marshall, Mrs. McHugh.

Will all those intending to join the Association please send in their subscription, 2/6, as soon as possible, to Mrs. H. T. Marshall, Hatton Street, Karori, Wellington.

The membership is now fifty-seven.

Maternity Annex, Taumarunui Hospital

The Taumarunui Hospital Board have recently opened this annexe on the site of the old Hospital Nurses' Home, which building in connection with the former district nurses' cottage has been utilised and added to, with the result that a tolerably efficient maternity annexe has been evolved providing eight lying-in beds, with labour ward, small nursery, sterilising room, preparation room, and a detached hutment for a possible morbid case, also the necessary sanitary arrangements.

There are comfortable quarters for the Matron in the building. The nurses have a comfortable Home in the old hospital isolation block nearby.

This annexe fills a great want in the

district, which is growing rapidly.

Miss Gillespie, R.N., R.M., is the Matron. She had been given leave by her Board (after a most strenuous year in charge of the makeshift building previously used as a maternity hospital in Taumarunui) to undergo the Plunket training at Karitane Hospital, and recently returned, having enjoyed the work at Karitane. Nurse Webb, R.M., is the staff nurse.

A new Cottage Hospital has recently been opened at Huntly, under the Waikato Hospital Board, for maternity and emergency cases. Miss E. Swayne, R.N., R.M., Sister for many years, and more recently Home Sister at Waikato Hospital, has been appointed Matron.