

sisters on the field of battle at the same time as Florence Nightingale.

She was in Rome at the time of the great Messina earthquake, and although aged then rushed to help the sufferers.

First undertaking mission work among the Maoris and establishing schools for the children, one of which on the Wanganui River still exists, Mother Mary's chief work was for the old and helpless poor in Wellington. She there established a Home for Incurables in Buckle Street and enlisted a band of sisters to care for them, and at the same time look after babies of working mothers in a crèche next door.

Later Mother Mary established the Home of Compassion at Island Bay, which will stand as a monument to the great work of this wonderful woman. Here she gathered incurable women and children and also other children, homeless orphans, children of sick mothers in hospital and the little unwanted ones.

The strong character and lovable personality of this little French woman gained her a place, quite unique, among philanthropists in New Zealand. She started and showed the way to work for

the poor which later have been followed by other organisations. She will be much missed, especially by her devoted Sisterhood of Compassion, which includes three registered nurses, and where the sisters are being trained for the special nursing work of the Order, but her work will live long after her.

DR. JOSEPH FRENGLEY.

We regret to record the death of Dr. Joseph Frengley, after a long illness, diabetes. Dr. Frengley was well known to many of the nursing profession in his capacity of Deputy Director-General of Health. He frequently visited the hospitals and had a great deal to do with the plans for new buildings, in which he was always glad to have the opinion of the Matrons. Especially in regard to Nurses' Homes he studied the comfort of the staffs and advocated suitable accommodation for all. For a long time much associated with the Nursing Division, his advice and sympathy was most appreciated, and his ready assistance in any difficulty always forthcoming. His being cut off early in life was a great loss to the Department.

Napier Hospital

Sunny Napier has one of the most beautifully situated hospitals in the Dominion. The view from the grounds across the harbour and bay to the mountain ranges beyond, forms a magnificent panorama, reminiscent of scenes on the French and Italian Rivas.

During the past few years, the hospital has grown tremendously, and to meet the demands of the ever-growing number of patients seeking admission, a large modern brick ward is in course of construction. Extensive additions to the Nurses' Home are being carried out in order to accommodate between 30

and 40 nurses, and plans for a special department block to include operating theatres, bacteriological laboratories, X-ray, physio-therapeutic and other special branches, are in course of preparation. When these are completed there is no doubt that the hospital will be one of the finest and best equipped in the Dominion.

The McHardy Maternity Home, which is situated a short distance away, but run as a ward in connection with the hospital, is ideal in situation, and is growing in popularity. As a training school, the results have been excellent.

