

Church Hospitals

The establishment of special hospitals, run by various religious denominations, appears to be growing in New Zealand. Some 15 years ago the Roman Catholic Sisters from Lewisham, Sydney, established the private hospital known as Lewisham in Christchurch. Now they have purchased a site in Wellington on which they intend to build an up-to-date hospital for private patients, and probably also with wards for those who cannot afford full fees for medical attendance and nursing.

Now the foundation stone of a Church of England Hospital is about to be laid by the Rev. Hon. Edward Lyttelton, son of one of the Canterbury founders. Canon Wilford, of Christchurch, has been in England on a mission to raise funds and workers for the hospital. He has also been able to interest the Order of St. Elizabeth of Hungary in the scheme, and the members of the Sisterhood are to take over the work of the hospital. In about two years the Community of the Order are to go out, but the Mother Superior and one of the sisters will come out next year on a preliminary visit to see just exactly what is wanted. To carry out the scheme Canon Wilford has

established the St. George's Association (England). A number of leading society ladies are a committee to collect funds in large or small sums.

With the good provision of a large public hospital in Christchurch it does not seem necessary to collect funds for one which will doubtless be more or less of a private hospital for people who can afford to pay fees to medical men and nurses, and the scheme promises more rather unfair competition with nurses who have trained, and who, at great expense and no such assistance, carry on private hospitals. Pressure is frequently brought to bear, by those establishing these private hospitals, on the authorities for permission to train probationers for the State examination for registration, but this, which if granted, would be a distinct exploitation of nurses, and of patients who should be nursed only by qualified nurses, has not been approved, and will, it is to be hoped, never be approved by the Nurses' Registration Board.

Is the establishment of these church hospitals a turn of the cycle taking us back to the system from which we evolved the nursing by religious orders?

Plunket Nursing Service

The following nurses passed the prescribed examination at the Plunket Training Centre, Karitane-Harris Hospital, Dunedin, during 1926:—

April, 1926.—Miss M. Jacob, Miss E. Davies, Miss A. E. Boyd, Miss M. White, Miss M. Houston, Miss A. Love, Miss M. Howman, Miss I. Gillivray, Miss M. McCool, Miss H. Grant, Miss A. Nicholson, Miss C. Hooper, Miss D. Parker, Miss M. Harris, Miss K. Carter, Miss P. Rolfes.

July, 1926.—Miss J. McClurg, Miss E. Sparkes, Miss B. Guylee, Miss E. Templeton, Miss E. Bell, Miss M. Hilditch, Miss H. Wilson, Miss E. Hollands, Miss M. Campbell, Miss J. Worthington, Miss H. Williams, Miss A. Burnett, Miss G. Maxwell, Mrs. E. Bethune.

December, 1926.—Miss J. Morgan, Miss S. Lusk, Miss E. Rose, Miss K. Macdonald, Miss E. Turner, Miss J. McCall, Miss E. Anson, Miss N. Bergin, Miss K. Devine, Miss M. Primrose, Miss H. Hogwood, Miss K. McKinley, Miss A. Carter, Miss E. Kidd, Miss L. Luoni, Miss M. Fraser, Miss E. McManus, Mrs. F. Evans.