

Four scholarships have been granted and each candidate was successful in obtaining her diploma.

The course is now held at Bedford College, London.

Our nurses, after taking their course, have returned to the Dominion and have commenced their duties in Taranaki, Canterbury and Otago.

The work of the course inaugurated by the League is evidenced by the fact that the State Health Services of various countries have sent their own candidates to undergo the course.

In districts in which our nurses are operating it is apparent that by their services they are fulfilling a long-felt want.

The Society, by establishing homes in the principle centres, has accepted the responsibility of caring for the permanently disabled ex-soldiers.

Moneys collected during the war period are being administered **entirely** for the benefit of those who have been incapacitated as a result of their war service.

Secondly.—Peace-time Activities.

Relief Work.—The Red Cross forms a medium for relief work. During the flood in Blenheim 1,200 articles of clothing were sent and £286 19s. 2d.

Hawkes Bay, all relief required.

Armenia, £139 and 70 cases foodstuffs and clothing.

European students, 30 cases of clothing.

Necessitous cases in Wellington. About 850 garments annually and 50 pairs of boots and shoes.

Work for the blind in Wellington district. The Red Cross administers relief for necessitous blind in Wellington, in connection with Jubilee Institute.

Instructional Classes.—Last year 1,200 students, junior and senior, received instruction in First Aid, Home Nursing and Hygiene and Sanitation. Health talks are also given in schools.

Detachment.—Has been formed, senior students being members. The members of this detachment gave excellent service to the Wellington Hospital during the epidemic of infantile paralysis. They give First Aid service to members of football clubs and athletic clubs when matches and sports meetings are held.

Free public medical lectures are given by members of the B.M.A. each month for six lectures under the auspices of the Red Cross.

The largest section of the work of the Wellington Red Cross Society is amongst its junior members. I have been asked to tell you something of the junior Red Cross next week, so will reserve its story until then.

Note.—Through attending the nursing classes many of the better types of girls discover they have a taste for nursing and take their general training in one of our Dominion hospitals.

IV.—Child Welfare

Advent of Trained Nurses into Field Work—Illegitimacy.

As the time at my disposal is limited to five minutes, I do not intend to go into the whole question of Child Welfare, but will say a few words on the advent of the trained nurse into the Child Welfare Branch of the Education Department, with particular reference to the supervision of illegitimate children. Mr. Beck, Superintendent of Child Welfare, will give you a resume of Child Welfare work with special reference to the status of the child.

It was in 1908 that the Infants Act dealing with children under six years of age came into force, and in the same year the Infant Life Protection work was transferred from the Police Department to the Child Welfare Branch of the Education Department. It was then recognised that as this branch of the work dealt with young infants, principally of illegitimate birth, trained workers were necessary for the proper supervision and care of all infants placed out in foster