

State Examination of Maternity Nurses and Midwives

The quarterly examination was held on August 1st and 2nd.

There were 45 candidates for the midwifery examination, 42 of whom passed and one failed in the written portion of the examination; 34 passed with honours.

Nurses Isabella Macdonald, R.N., of Whangarei Hospital, and Helen Elliot, R.N., of St. Helens, Wellington, passed first.

All the candidates but one were regis-

tered nurses, showing that nurses are realising the value of midwifery training.

There were 31 candidates for the maternity nurse certificate. Of these only 13 were not already registered general nurses; 28 passed, 15 with honours, Nurse Rita Swindall, R.N., of Thames Hospital, first.

These excellent results show careful preparation of the pupils for both examinations.

The Plunket Society

On September 1st and 3rd, the Matrons of Karitane Hospitals met in Wellington for a round table discussion of matters affecting the administration of Karitane Hospitals and Training Centres, the teaching of Karitane nurses, and other matters.

Miss Hitchcock, from Dunedin, was present, also Mrs. Gillespie, from Christchurch, Miss V. McLean from Auckland and Miss Rose from Wanganui. Miss Clark from the Truby King Karitane Hospital was, of course, also present.

During their stay in Wellington, the Matrons visited the home of Sir Truby

King and Miss King, at Melrose, and were taken for a long and beautiful motor drive round the hills and bays by Miss King.

A Tutor Sistership has now been established in connection with the staff of the Plunket Training Centre at Karitane-Harris Hospital, Dunedin. Miss Hitchcock, who has had varied experience in the different branches of the Society's work, has been appointed to this important position.

Miss Hilditch has accepted the position of Matron of the Karitane-Harris Hospital and Training Centre.

Plunket Nurses' Association

Open meetings of the Dunedin Plunket Nurses' Association were held during July and August. The July meeting took place at Karitane-Harris Hospital, and there was a large attendance of active and associate members. Miss E. A. O'Shea, of the Child Welfare Department, gave a most interesting address on the work of her department. Afterwards supper and talk and music concluded a successful evening.

The August meeting was held at the Medical School, where Miss Airene Pope,

of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, gave a most interesting and enlightening lecture on "Vitamines." Miss Pope illustrated her address with numerous lantern slides, many showing the results of her own work; she also displayed a number of rats on which she is carry out experimental work in this subject.

All members were most grateful to Miss O'Shea and Miss Pope for the time and trouble taken on their behalf.