

Annual Report of the New Zealand Trained Nurses Assoc.

October 1, 1929.

The twelfth Annual Report of your Association is now presented to you.

The chief interest of the year was the quadrennial meeting of the International Council of Nurses, which was held in Montreal last July. The Association had decided to send a delegate, and Miss McKenny was chosen. Later, the Association approached the Minister of Health, Mrs. Tracy Inglis, President, and Miss McKenny acting as a deputation to him. The result was that the Government agreed to send Miss Bicknell, Director of Nursing, to represent the Dominion. The Journal will contain a short account of the proceedings in Montreal.

The financial position of "Kia Tiaki," the New Zealand Nursing Journal, has caused considerable concern. We are very anxious to issue the Journal two-monthly, but that entails greater expense, though we hope there will be added revenue from advertisers. The Executive appointed last October to deal with this matter, propose that the two subscriptions—the Association and the Nursing Journal—should be combined and fixed at one guinea. The

extra amount received through a larger number taking the Journal will more than cover the cost. To ascertain the feeling of members a circular was sent out, and of the 1,300 delivered forms, 204 were returned with an adverse vote. The question will come up for decision during the present Conference.

We regret to record the death, from influenza, of Miss Jean Todd, a former Matron of Timaru Hospital, and latterly honorary secretary for "Kai Tiaki." A Matron who worked under her and loved her, as every one else did, says: "There was never a better nurse or a more conscientious, painstaking Matron turned out of a New Zealand Hospital."

A new branch has been formed in Gisborne with a membership of 32. A very hearty welcome is extended to them. There is every prospect of branches being formed in Hamilton and Timaru at an early date.

G. TRACEY-INGLIS,

President.

H. C. INGLIS,

Hon. Secretary-General.

N.Z.T.N.A

Taranaki Branch

A very pretty incident occurred at the close of Dr. Reid's lecture in May, when the President, Miss Campbell, took the opportunity of welcoming Nurse Barbara Bacchus, who is Taranaki's first Associate Member of N.Z.T.N.A.

Miss Campbell spoke a few words congratulating the movement of the last Nurses' Conference at Dunedin in making it possible for third year nurses to join the Association as Associate Members. She then presented Nurse Bacchus with a book (Watsons' 1928 Edition) as a memento of this occasion.

Nurse Bacchus, in thanking Miss Campbell, made one feel the decision of accepting Associate Members will be

very much appreciated by third year nurses.

This Branch has now a membership of 50.

The series of lectures arranged for the winter months has been keenly appreciated by all members.

The following is the series:—

May.—Dr. W. J. Reed. Endocrines and Gland Therapy.

June.—Miss M. Wise, Nurse Inspector. Ante Natal.

July.—Dr. R. J. Meceddy. Dietetics.

August.—Dr. Burns. The Heart and its Disorders.

September.—Dr. D. E. Brown. The History of Bacteriology.