

Karitane-Harris Hospital

At Karitane-Harris Hospital, Dunedin, commencing on 14th October, the first of the special short period courses for midwifery and maternity nurses will be initiated. These four-weeks' courses are specially intended for nurses actively engaged in maternity work, and have been planned to meet, as far as possible, the special needs and interests of such. Attention will be concentrated chiefly on the care of the mother during the antenatal period, and the needs of mother and baby during the first month after birth. The authorities of the St. Helen's and Batchelor Hospitals have kindly agreed to co-operate by giving instruction in regard to obstetrical emergencies and post-natal maternal hygiene. Lectures will be given by Sir Truby King and Dr. Derrick (Medical Director, Plunket Society) and Dr. Helen Deem (nee Easterfield) will be present for a week during the course. Dr. Deem took the full residential Plunket Nursing Course

at Karitane-Harris Hospital three years ago, and has since done valuable intensive study in connection with breast-feeding.

The special courses will be quite separate and distinct from the Plunket nursing training, and detailed study of artificial feeding and of the baby after the first month and the pre-school child, all dealt with fully in the Plunket Nursing Course, will not be included. The primary object of the short course is to make assistance in those aspects of the care of mother and child with which they are specially concerned available to all nurses engaged in maternity work. There will be no competitive examination and no certificate attached to the course.

Exact dates for subsequent courses cannot yet be definitely fixed, but in order to enable nurses to plan free time ahead it has been arranged to hold another course in February, and one in June of next year in any case.

Refresher Course in Auckland

Following the completion of the 1929 Post Graduate Course for Nurses, Miss Moore and Miss Lambie have been instructed by the Health Department to hold a Refresher Course for general trained and midwifery nurses, and all engaged in Hospital, Public Health Work, or Private Nursing, Child Welfare, etc. The Course will last from September 23rd to 28th inclusive.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd.

Discussion: "The Hospital Ward Limit."
9.30 to 12.30—

- (a) The Administration of the Ward;
- (b) The Nursing Service;
- (c) The Teaching Function of the Ward;
- (d) Teaching in Isolation Wards.

Afternoon—

Demonstration—visit to the Hospital.
8 p.m.: Lecture—"The Hospital as it Serves the Community." Dr. Maguire.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th.

Morning—Discussion: "Hospital Administration," Public Health Nurse, Tuberculosis and Venereal Diseases, Nursing Problems.

- (a) Stores;
- (b) Linen;
- (c) Kitchen.

Afternoon—

Demonstration—visit to Laundry.

Evening—

Lecture—"Nursing Education." Miss Moore.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th.

Morning—

Short Address: "Modern Obstetrics." Dr. Paget, followed by open discussion.

- (a) Pre-natal Hygiene;
- (b) Preparation of Patients;
- (c) Sterilization of Outfits.

Afternoon—

Demonstration—St. Helen's Hospital.

Evening—

Lecture: "Toxaemias in Pregnancy." Dr. Tracy Myles.