

NURSING AND THE WAR.

NEW ZEALAND ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

The arrival in London of Miss Hester Maclean, R.N. Matron-in-Chief of the New Zealand Army Nursing Service, with a contingent of fifty members of the Service from the Dominion, is one more proof of the unity of the British Empire and the love and loyalty of its subjects in the Dominions beyond the seas.

The New Zealand Army Nursing Service at present consists of 100 members, but it is probable that more will now be enrolled.

The members wear a grey uniform, a colour which has come to be associated with military nursing. The most comfortable - looking grey tweed coat is of New Zealand material, made at the Petone Woollen Mills, Wellington. The coat has a scarlet collar, scarlet on the shoulder-straps, and scarlet bands on the sleeves, the width of these bands denoting the rank of the wearer. The grey dress is worn with the scarlet cape of the Military Nursing Sisters and each member of the Service wears its distinctive badge, in the design of which the Minister of Defence took special interest.

In the centre is a red cross surmounted by a crown, and below the cross is a scroll bearing the letters "N.Z.A.N.S." The crown and the scroll are united by a wreath composed of New Zealand fern, in white metal. With this is worn the registration badge prized by all the nurses, for every one of those sent by the New Zealand Government comes with this proof of her competence, that she has been registered after three years' hospital training, and having successfully

passed the examination imposed by the State as a test of her knowledge. This badge represents the five-pointed Star of New Zealand, and is suspended from a bar, bearing the letters "N.Z.R.N." It has as its centre a red cross on a white enamel ground, and on the back is inscribed the name of the wearer, her registration number, the hospital at which she was trained, and the year of her graduation.

In connection with the organization of the Service the Matron-in-Chief has the assistance of the Matrons of important hospitals in four centres, Miss Keith Payne (Wellington), Miss Thurston (Christchurch), Miss Myles (Dunedin), and Miss Orr (Auckland).

Miss Maclean, Matron-in-Chief of the Service, is well known to our readers as Assistant Inspector of Hospitals and Charitable Institutions in New Zealand, and Deputy Registrar and Assistant Inspector of Mental Hospitals in the Public Health and Hospitals Department. She is also President of the National Council of Trained Nurses in New Zealand, which is affiliated to the International Council of Nurses.

She was trained at the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and, before leaving for New Zealand, held the position of Matron of the Hospital for

Women, Melbourne, and other appointments. She is a certified midwife in this country.

Miss Bertha Nurse, the Matron of the contingent, and the two senior Sisters, Miss Fanny Wilson and Miss Vida Maclean, have been on active service recently in Samoa. Miss Nurse was trained at the Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, where she also held the position of Sister. She also holds certificates in midwifery and massage, and has been Sister at the Cairo



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