

"IONA" PRIVATE HOSPITAL

A WELL APPOINTED INSTITUTION.

Comfortable and well-appointed hospitals for the care of the sick are a necessity in every community, and while New Plymouth has been fortunate in this respect in the past, with the rapid increase in population it is but natural that the number of people requiring hospital treatment should also increase, and consequently there has been a need for further accommodation both at the public hospital and also for those who prefer private institutions. Recognising this fact, Sisters M. A. and C. Muir have opened the "Iona" private hospital in Young Street. The situation is an admirable one, being central and yet away from the noise and bustle of traffic which is often so distressing to a patient.

Both sisters received their training in the New Plymouth Public Hospital, and Sister M. A. Muir was later for a number of years associated with Miss Baker and had charge of her hospital while she was in England. Later she had four years' war service, has been matron of the Whakatane Hospital and of the private hospital at Manaia.

Sister C. Muir was on the nursing staff of the New Plymouth public hospital for eight years as a sister and for the last three years held the responsible position of assistant matron. It will be seen therefore that Sisters Muir have had a wide experience of nursing and hospital administration in all its branches, and in opening a private hospital of their own their desire is to do everything that is possible to ensure that their patients receive the very best nursing skill and every comfort and convenience.

The site consists of a quarter of an acre, the ground being well above the road level, and the original building has been entirely remodelled and enlarged to meet the needs of a modern medical and surgical hospital. Provision has been made for ten beds, including five single rooms. All the rooms are well lighted and airy and from each a delightful view is obtained of some part of the town and coast. The accommodation for patients is all on the ground floor, and the rooms have been furnished and decorated with quiet taste, and to provide the greatest possible comfort. There is ample verandah accommodation for convalescents, while the second floor provides accommodation for the staff. The operating theatre has been built on the most modern lines, and is provided with all the latest equipment, while the general appointments have all received most careful attention.

The hospital will be open for inspection on Thursday, and an invitation is extended to the public to inspect the institution and its appointments.

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