

Nurse Edith Thompson leaves Dunedin about the beginning of April for London, where she intends taking up private nursing for two years.

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Nurse Emma Guering left Miss Coltman's private nurses' home in Auckland in March to pay a long-promised visit to England. Miss Coltman writes:—"She can be ill-spared at present when there is such a dearth of capable nurses, but I hope to see her amongst us again next year."

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Nurse McKenzie, until recently charge nurse at Newstead Home, Ellice street, Wellington, left for England by the last trip of the Arawa. On the eve of her departure a presentation was made to her by a few fellow-nurses, who met together to wish her good speed and renewed health.

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The Palmerston Hospital grounds presented a very pretty sight to the passer-by on Tuesday afternoon. The day, a glorious summer one, made everything look its very best, and the garden, with its cool, and shady trees, proved a pleasure to those who had come together to bid farewell to Miss Dougherty, who was about to sever her connection with the Hospital after so many years' faithful service. The guests were received by the Deputy-Matron, Miss McLagan, at the Hospital, and conducted to the Nurses' Home and there entertained by the Sisters and Nurses. After some few minutes' chat with the guest of the hour, very delicious afternoon tea was served, the tables being prettily decorated with bowls of sweet peas and foliage. Dr. Macintyre, as an old friend and many years a co-worker in Hospital, in a few chosen words, referred to the sterling qualities of Miss Dougherty as a woman and a nurse, at the same time expressing their deep regret at losing from their midst a woman so universally respected by the outside public, and so much beloved by those fortunate enough to come under her supervision during their nursing career. He then handed the Matron, on behalf of the staff, a most handsome picture containing individual photographs of the three doctors, four sisters and nurses, chairman (Mr. Wilson), and secretary (Mr. Rutherford), arranged round a portrait of the Matron herself, underneath which was a charmingly-illustrated card containing a few words to the effect: "Presented to Miss Dougherty, etc." Mr. Rutherford then read a note from

Mr. Wilson, expressing his regret at being unavoidably absent, owing to unforeseen business, but sent many expressions of good will for her future. Miss Dougherty, in expressing thanks, said how much she appreciated the kindly sentiments expressed by Dr. Macintyre, and how little she felt worthy of them, and took opportunity of thanking the doctors past and present for the great amount of help rendered to her, during her stay in Palmerston North, and trusted that her successor, Miss McLagan, would experience the same amount of good and that the Palmerston North Hospital would long continue to do the splendid work it hitherto had done. (Applause.) During the afternoon some very delightful music was rendered by Misses Sawtin and Roberts, Dr. Stowe, etc., which added greatly to the pleasure of those present. On Thursday evening some few younger friends of the nurses were entertained at a euchre party in the Nurses' Home, many of whom were old friends of Miss Dougherty's, who muchly regretted her departure. Games were enjoyed, and during supper some very good speeches were given by those present, accompanied with musical honours. A most enjoyable evening came to a close, after some delightful songs had been sung with the old but ever-new round-a-lay "Auld Lang Syne."

Obituary

Many nurses will have been grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Leahy, formerly Miss Connor, Matron for over six years of the Napier Hospital, after a few months of happy married life.

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Nurse Agnes Redwood, trained at the Blenheim Hospital, died from scarlet fever at the Camp Hospital, Dunedin, on Tuesday, April 21st. She was only taken ill on Saturday, and then apparently not seriously.

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Nurse Cathcart, a member of the Auckland Hospital nursing staff, died at the Hospital on Sunday, 1st March, after an illness of four weeks. The deceased, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cathcart, of Pukekohe, had been suffering from bronchitis and typhoid, the latter attack, it is stated, having been contracted whilst nursing a patient suffering from that disease.

The above notice of the sad death of a nurse from typhoid calls attention to the great need of care in nursing such cases.