

Sisters Bell and Williams have just returned from spending an enjoyable though quiet time in the Waitakerei Bush; a place little known but very beautiful.

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Nurse W. Lamb has resigned her position on the staff of the Thames Hospital, and is doing private nursing for six months. After which she is to be married to Mr. S. West, Waikino.

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Miss Gosling, for some years Matron of Reefton Hospital, was appointed Matron of Nelson Hospital, that position having been vacated recently by Miss Field owing to family reasons.

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Nurse Walsh, from Victoria, who has been housekeeping for her brother, Dr. Walsh, at Thames, has now returned to her nursing work, and taken a position on the staff of the Christchurch Hospital.

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Sister Margetts, late Matron of the Auckland Hospital, has resigned her position, in order to join her sisters in their private hospital for maternity cases, which they have recently greatly enlarged.

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Miss M. E. Brooke-Smith is now in Dunedin, and has been ordered several months rest by her doctor; so she is obliged to give up nursing for the present.

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Nurses White and King, trainees of St. Helens Hospital, Dunedin, are going to open a private maternity hospital in Timaru in June next. Their fellow pupils wish them every success in their new undertaking.

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Miss Stewart was appointed Matron of the Nurses' Home, Wellington, and Miss Dencker was appointed visiting nurse to the Association in place of Nurse Atkins.

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Miss Stewart has resigned her position of Matron of Gisborne Hospital, after the long term of nineteen years. She will be much missed by her nurses, by whom she was much beloved, and to whom she endeavoured to impart the true spirit of nursing. A presentation is being got up for Miss Stewart by the residents of Gisborne, of which we hope to receive details.

Miss Godfrey, Matron of Dannevirke Hospital, has been appointed Matron of the Gisborne Hospital.

### Nurse Cruden's Farewell

On the eve of her departure for Christchurch, Nurse Cruden, Matron of the Waimate Hospital, was entertained by the staff of the Hospital at a social on Friday evening, (29th January).

The orchestra was present, Father Aubrey being conductor. The selections were interspersed with songs, cornet, and violin solos. From the main corridor where the concert took place, an adjournment was made to the largest ward, where all present were assembled. Miss Watt (one of the probationers) presented Miss Cruden with a bag fitted out with nursing paraphernalia, on behalf of the staff; also a framed picture of the nursing staff.

Miss Watt paid a warm tribute to the parting guest. She had sympathised with the younger nurses in their troubles, and helped them in their studies, and they felt parting with her very keenly.

Dr. Barclay (Medical Superintendent) said Nurse Cruden had been Matron two and a half years. During the twenty years he had been Medical Superintendent, Nurse Cruden was the only Matron they had been able to farewell as they were then doing. He then paid a warm tribute to Mrs. Chapman, the late Matron, who had "died in harness." Nurse Cruden came as trained nurse, it had been quite unnecessary to issue orders to her at all, it was only requisite to express a wish, and it was realised at once, and that was how things should be. Personally, he felt the parting very much, and he could only wish her long life and prosperity.

Mr. Hayman, in a neat little speech, then presented Miss Cruden with a watch on behalf of the patients in hospital.

Mr. Miller Atwill, representing the Hospital Trustees, also made reference to Miss Cruden's abilities, and expressed good wishes for her future.

Father Aubrey, on behalf of the Clergy, thanked Miss Cruden for her kindness to the clergy in their ministrations for the sick. Her traditions would be an ideal to those following her.

Mr. Atwill, a member of the Trustees, returned thanks on behalf of Miss Cruden. The guests were then regaled at supper, and the function ended.