

**AN AUCKLAND FAREWELL**

On August 26th, an afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Todd Smith at the Nurses' Club, to farewell Miss Campbell, who is leaving the Mental Hospital, where she has acted as Matron for several years. Mrs. Kidd and Miss Foote were unable to be present, also Miss Orr and Miss Jones, who were in Wellington. The guests included Mrs. Moss, Mrs. Inglis, Mrs. Aicken, Mrs. Avery, the Misses Stewart and Bellingham and Miss Garland.

On behalf of the Council, Mrs. Todd Smith presented Miss Campbell with a beaten copper kettle and lamp on stand, as a souvenir of her association with them, and all wished her many pleasant and peaceful years in her new home in Taranaki. Miss Campbell suitably replied.

Dr. Aubin left by the "Makura" on September 20th, en route for Egypt, where he is to take up work in the N.Z. Army Hospital, Pont de Koubbeh, Cairo. During his absence, Dr. Aubin has left Dr. Leslie Thompson in charge of his practice.

## The Australian Nurses

**Welcomed and Entertained**

The Australian nurses who earned kudos for the manner in which they nursed the wounded soldiers who returned by the Willochra were entertained by the Otago section of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association at the Savoy. About fifty nurses and others were present, and Mesdames Milne and W. C. MacGregor, and Misses Holford, Monson, and Thomson were the hostesses. Matron Heath and the eight Australian nurses, dressed in their indoor uniforms with red capes, added brightness to the gathering.

Dr. Brown (president of the association) expressed pleasure in welcoming the Australian nurses to the City. He had already heard from some of the returned soldiers how highly their services had been appreciated; he was not surprised at their being called angels. He referred in glowing terms to the truly noble work being done by Army nurses for King and Empire.

Dr. Colquhoun on behalf of the medical profession, heartily welcomed the nurses. He was conscious of feelings of the deepest respect and gratitude to them for their services of the highest value for King and Empire. They were good women, who had done, and would do still more noble work for the Empire.

Among those present were four of the Dunedin Hospital trained nurses who formed part of the band of New Zealand nurses sent out to the Boer War. These ladies—Miss Williamson, (matron of the party), Mrs. W. C. MacGregor (nee Nurse

Harris), and Nurses Isa Campbell, and Monson—were wearing their South African war medals. Miss Williamson was also wearing her R.R.C. medal, the first awarded to a New Zealand nurse.

### Australian Nursing Sisters Return Thanks

TO THE EDITOR OTAGO WITNESS.

Sir,—May I ask for your valued assistance towards helping me on behalf of the Australian Nursing Sisters to return our very warmest thanks for the more than generous kindness we have received at the hands of the citizens of Dunedin since our arrival. Before reaching New Zealand we had been told something as to what reception we should meet with here, but the realisation has far exceeded our anticipations, leaving us at a loss to express how much we have appreciated the good times we have enjoyed. It not being possible to write personal letters, my fellow-nurses ask me to convey through you to one and all who have been so good to us our most grateful thanks. We really feel as if we were parting with very old friends, and we leave with much regret, consoled with the hope that on some future occasion we may be so fortunate as to visit Dunedin again.—I am, etc.,

ANNIE HEATH.

Matron Australian Army Nursing Service,  
Australian Imperial Forces,  
July 26.