

## Natives District Nursing

The enteric outbreak in the North still continues, Nurse Fergusson seems to have barely overcome the difficulties in one corner than she must hurry to begin the same in another. Extra assistance has been provided both at Whangape and on the Eastern side, near Kaeo. A partially trained nurse sent to assist Nurse Naera, at Whangapi, developed typhoid in a mild form, and had to be sent to Rawene Hospital. She had not unfortunately been inoculated. All Natives District Nurses must now be inoculated for their own protection. There have been nearly fifty cases of typhoid since February, at Whangape, while in the Kaingas near Kaeo, forty-six have been reported since August. Nurse Oakden, of the Waikato district, is assisting Nurse Fergusson at present on the Eastern side, while it has been necessary to send Nurse McKinven from Thames to Hokianga, where there is yet another outbreak—twelve cases so far having been reported. There were many deaths before the nurses appeared on the scene, the operations of tohungas no doubt contributing largely to this, while a few have died in the tem-

porary hospitals. Typhoid is indeed the scourge of the Maori Kaingas, and the necessity for the district nurses to concentrate on this strenuous nursing, when they are handicapped by the disorganisation of so many Maori homes, does not permit of our nurses doing so much in other directions, where they could teach that prevention is better than cure.

Nurse Bertram of Hawera, has been busy with enterics in her district also; Nurse Naera has now relieved her for her annual holiday.

Nurse Te Au who went to assist Nurse Beetham from Otaki, is at present recovering from typhoid contracted while assisting at Normanby.

Nurse J. Robinson, trained in England, where she was a Queen's Nurse for many years, has been appointed to the Rotorua position.

We hope shortly to have on our staff as Assistant District Nurse, Nurse Ngaro Ngapo, who qualified at Hamilton Hospital last June. Nurse Naera will then enter St. Helens Hospital, for her midwifery training.

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## Bugle Calls

("Jingle Bells.")

Dashing thro' the spray in the ship  
"Maheno,"

O'er the waves we go, rolling all the way!  
Sometimes on the deck, sometimes in our  
berths,

For we're all the way from 'ome, just to  
show our worth.

Bugle calls! bugle calls! sounding all the  
way;

Oh, what fun to ride the seas at 5/6 a day!  
(Repeat).

Just a month ago we started on our trip,  
We left an hour too soon, and gave our  
friends the slip.

The day was dark and damp, misfortune  
seemed our lot,

They took us out into the stream, and there  
we had to stop.

Bugle calls! bugle calls! leading us astray,  
Bravely facing dinner, just to run away.

(Repeat).

The time is slipping by, Colombo's out of  
sight;

We had four baths on shore and one nice  
cool night.

Now we're sick again, our faces green and  
white,

But still will make the best of things and  
sing our songs to-night.

Bugle calls! bugle calls! open port-holes  
pray.

Rushing down for ices; sadly turned away

Bugle calls! bugle calls! sounding all the  
way;

Oh, what fun to ride the seas at 5/6 a day.