

at the time that the wounded from Gallipoli were needing all the care that gentleness and love could give them. From New Zealand have come 500, these being the round figures which represents a fine response in relation to the population of the Southern Dominion. The Matrons-in-Chief have shown themselves to be women of high powers of organisation and control, and have insisted throughout upon a lofty standard of qualifications on the part of those whom they have accepted for service.

Her Majesty accorded to the ladies the rare distinction of receiving them in her private apartments at Windsor Castle, and Princess Mary was also present. Specially in attendance was the Countess of Minto, whose knowledge of and sympathy with all that pertains to nursing has been so forcibly shown in the service which bears her name in India. The Queen was not only exceedingly interested in the details

that each matron could give in regard to the contingents for which she was responsible but asked for any suggestions that might be desirable in improving the conditions and status of the nurses' important labours. Before the ladies left, the Queen showed them some of the specially notable and valuable things that she had acquired in the course of her travels, and delighted each of her guests with some of her reminiscences of their own homelands. It was indeed the intimate and homelike character of the reception that has made so strong an appeal to the nurses generally as a proof of the Queen's comprehension of the attitude of mind and the love of things domestic among the women of the daughterlands. This is the point that is being emphasised in the hundreds of letters dwelling on the reception that are going to family circles, whether in Australia or Saskatchewan, New Zealand, or Newfoundland.

New Hospitals and Additions New Nurses' Homes

Plans have been prepared for a Nurses' Home at New Plymouth. Now the new hospital is completed, the old home is quite inadequate. The board took the wise step of sending Miss Campbell, the matron, on a trip to visit the hospitals corresponding to the New Plymouth Hospital and to take observations and report on the features in the Nurses' Homes which she found most worthy of adoption. The result is that the plan includes the many conveniences which women chiefly appreciate, and the nurses will be exceedingly comfortable. One feature which we have not seen hitherto is a small wing in which the night nurses are provided with tiny rooms furnished only with a bed and chair. In these they are to sleep, away from the noise of the rest of the staff, but to dress and undress in their own rooms, which they retain for their whole term in hospital.

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At Nelson, where a new hospital is to be built, the step has been taken of erecting the Nurses' Home first. Here the nurses

are most comfortably provided for. The details of the home have been well thought out and not only comfort of body, but provision for recreation has not been forgotten. In the artistic surroundings the nurses should be happy and contented.

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The plan for a new hospital at Nelson has been approved by the Minister of Public Health. It will be remembered that some five years ago a large sum of money was donated for this purpose by the late Mr. Cawthron, and with this and a Government subsidy a building is to be erected at a cost of £33,158. A maternity hospital, very badly needed in Nelson, is included with the general hospital.

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At Auckland, where the new Children's Hospital was recently opened, a new wing to the Nurses' Home, necessitated by the increased staff needed, and the Children's Hospital and the military annexes, to accommodate seventy-five nurses, is authorised. It will cost £22,000