

New Plymouth Nurses' Home

A Dance in the Memorial Hall.

Shortly after the opening of the new Nurses' Home, New Plymouth Hospital, a small private dance was given by five nurses to the other members of the staff, the hostesses being those who were successful in passing their "State" in December last.

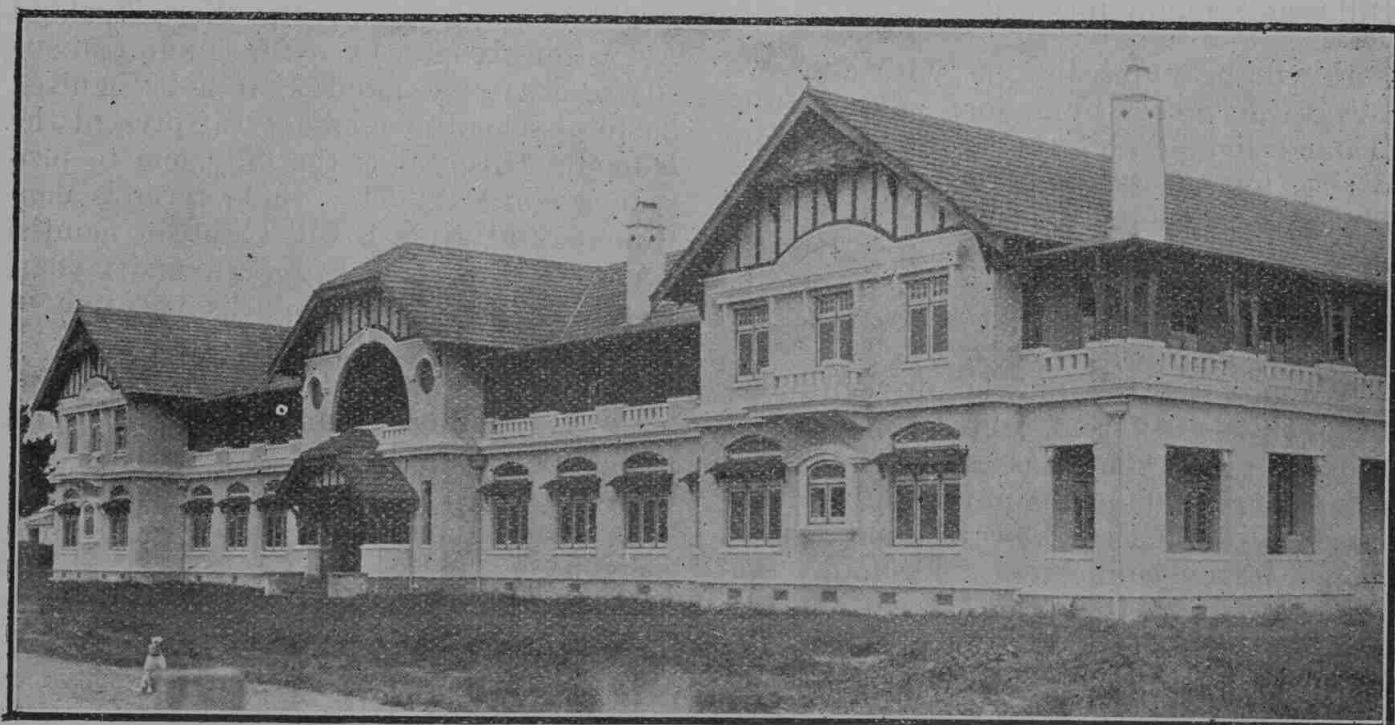
The Home is an admirable place for a dance, with its pretty sitting-rooms and balconies. The sitting-rooms were charmingly decorated with pink chrysanthemums and asparagus fern, which trailed daintily across the oregon pine mantelpieces and mouldings. Pretty bric-a-brac found their place on occasional tables, with chocolates and cigarettes. All the decorations were done by Mrs. E. A. Walker, the Medical Superintendent's wife.

The mantelpiece in the Memorial Hall was relieved by long streamers of asparagus with beautiful dahlias and chrysan-

themums, and pieces of brass. The hall itself is unsuitable for further decoration, the beautiful leadlight windows being sufficient ornament in themselves. The floor was in splendid condition for dancing, and is well-sprung, a fact much appreciated by those of the light fantastic toe, of whom there were about sixty couples present.

The beautiful entrance and handsome staircase had hanging baskets, filled with golden-brown chrysanthemums and autumn leaves, suspended from odd corners.

This stairway leads to the balconies, of which two only were set aside for sitting out, the larger one running almost the full width of the Home. This was set with rattan chairs, the electric lights shaded with red Chinese lanterns, and seemed the breadth of a ship's deck. The effect of the red lights against the deep



Nurses' Home, New Plymouth, recently opened, is a fine building. The sitting rooms for the various grades of the staff are very comfortable and beautifully furnished. Each member has her own bedroom.