

A reception for the delegates to the Trained Nurses' Association, and friends, was given in the evening by the members of the Lyceum Club. The lounge was tastefully decorated for the occasion and was well filled with guests. Miss Janet Murray (vice-president), in black satin and silk lace, welcomed the delegates to Auckland and expressed the pleasure that it gave the members of the Lyceum to entertain them while here. During the evening a small play was given, "The Marriage Will Not Take Place," in which characters were sustained by Misses Philcox and Morris and Messrs. Hayes and J. Gordon. Songs were sung by Mrs. Whitley, "When Thou Art Far" and "Homing;" "Maid of Cadiz," Mrs. A. Kinder; and "Salaam and Harlequin," by Miss Laura Stone; Miss Connie Knox recited "The Civil Service;" Mrs. Hesketh gave a violin solo, "Majur," and "Heyre Kati." Miss Gummer acted as accompanist. Afterwards supper was handed round.

On Thursday afternoon delegates were taken for a most delightful drive through Cornwall Park and the Racecourse at Ellerslie, where the beautiful hot-houses were thrown open for our benefit. Then on to St. Helier's Bay, where Mrs. Reynolds was waiting to entertain the party at tea. The drive home was through Kohimarama and Remuera, and all most thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

In the evening a lecture on "Insulin" was given by Dr. Johnson. Notes taken at the lecture will be found in another column.

On Friday morning the meetings of the present session of Central Council terminated.

In the afternoon the delegates were the guests of Miss Taylor (Matron of the Auckland Hospital). Several visiting matrons from country hospitals were also present, and the various wards, X-Ray department, and other interesting places were thrown open for inspection. A dainty tea was served in the Nurses' Home.

That evening papers were read at the Nurses' Club, and then thrown open for discussion.

On Saturday afternoon the delegates were the guests of Mrs. Alfred Kidd, who

had arranged to hold a garden party, but owing to the heavy rain this was quite impossible, and Mrs. Kidd was hostess at an "At home" held in the pavilion of the Carlton bowling green. A stringed orchestra contributed an enjoyable musical programme, and time passed pleasantly with tea and chatter.

The following papers were read to members of the Association on Friday evening:—"A Post-Graduate Course for Nurses," by Miss Bicknell; "Suggested Diploma for Midwives," by Mrs. Gordon; "The Spirit of Nursing Service," by Miss McKenny.

Miss Bicknell's statement that it will be possible in the near future for nurses already registered to take the Diploma of Nursing as a post-graduate course will be welcomed by many. An interesting discussion took place, although nurses are lamentably slow in voicing their opinions—in public.

Mrs. Gordon's paper was received without comment. Nurses did not seem to be in favour of a Diploma Course for Midwives, and as the whole subject of midwifery training is now under consideration by the Health Department, it was felt unnecessary to take any steps at present.

Miss McKenny's paper touched the hearts of many and will, we hope, reach the hearts of many more.

The papers by Miss Bicknell and Miss McKenny are reprinted elsewhere in this issue.

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