

The next question being, Will such a course be available in the future again? there is every possibility that even if it is not feasible to make a Refresher Course an annual event it will be at least repeated at occasional intervals.

The Auckland University College were kind enough to give the use of a lecture room and lantern free of charge for the lectures given during the day, and the Auckland Hospital Board placed the use of the Nurses' Lecture Room at the disposal of the Course for the evening lectures, so making it possible for many of their staff to attend who otherwise would not have been able to. These arrangements greatly facilitated the comfort and management of the lectures. During the week the nurses were entertained on several occasions. The first night at St. Helens Hospital, Miss Broadley very kindly provided a delicious supper, and as it had been one of those hectic days that St. Helens can provide in the way of work, the supper was all the more appreciated. This evening's meeting, as elsewhere, was a great success. The programme was "The Public Health Nursing Situation in Auckland." A list of the speakers is attached. In giving a review of the situation in Auckland, as compared with other centres in New Zealand, Miss Lambie pointed out that on a population basis, Auckland was very much the worst off of all the New Zealand cities as to the number of nurses employed. The need for all nurses to join the Association was stressed, and for a public health section within the Association so as to provide a means of studying ways of co-operation between the various services.

On Saturday afternoon a very interesting visit was paid to Karitane when Sister Hitchcock spoke on "Natural Feeding," showing by means of excellent charts what wonderful results were being obtained at the Mothers' Cottage. A delicious afternoon tea was served in the dining-room before the nurses left to return to town.

Dr. Prins, the Medical Superintendent, and Miss Brand, the Lady Superintendent of Mental Hospital at Avondale, in-

vited the nurses attending the Course to visit their institution on the Tuesday afternoon. The nurses were shown round the institution by members of the staff and again a very nice afternoon tea was served in the sitting room of the Nurses' Home, the afternoon winding up with three cheers for the Mental Hospital staff for their very interesting afternoon.

A very pleasant surprise occurred the last day with the visit of Miss Bicknell, Director of Nursing, many nurses being very pleased to have the opportunity of meeting her again.

Following the last lecture of the course, Miss Bicknell spoke regarding the position of the post-graduate course at present, and of the collecting cards being issued by the Otago and Wellington Branches appealing to the nurses present to get busy in Auckland.

Everyone realised it was very good of so many busy doctors to give up their time to lecturing and to the careful preparation that many had gone to. These lectures will be long looked back on with pleasure.

GENERAL MEETING OF NURSES. PROGRAMME.

"Public Health Nursing in Auckland."

(Miss Bagley in the Chair.)

"The Work of the Nurse Inspector"—Miss Mirams.

"The Work of St. Helens"—Miss Broadley.

"The Work of the Ante-Natal Sister"—Miss Wise.

"The Work of Plunket Nurse"—Miss Goldstone.

"The Work of Infant Life Protection Nurse"—Mrs. Masters.

"The Work of School Nurse"—Miss Cheerie.

"The Work of District Nurse"—Mrs. Saunders Jones.

"The Work of Insurance Nurse"—Miss Sutherland.

"The Work of Sanitary Inspector"—Miss Levein.

"The Work of Country District Nurse"—Miss Jarratt.

"Review"—Miss Lamb.