

## Obituary

A very sad event recently occurred at Paeroa in the death of Nurse Jane Minnie Jarrett, who was found in her little cottage on Monday, January 30th, lying on her bed dead. Surrounded, as she was, by kind friends who would have gladly ministered to her, it was very keenly felt that she should have died all alone. The nurse friend who shared her cottage was at a case only a short distance away. Nurse Jarrett had been for her annual leave and had returned in the best of spirits. Her death was due to syncope from acute aortitis.

Nurse Jarrett was trained at Newcastle—on—Tyne and came to New Zealand in December, 1913. Early the following year she was appointed a native health nurse, and continued in that work, in which she was a most successful and devoted nurse, until her death. She learned to ride soon after her arrival in order to take a position in the back-blocks, when to ride and ride well was essential. Nothing daunted her brave spirit; a swollen river, or precipitous and dangerous road never prevented her reaching those in need of her help.

In late years she was transferred to Paeroa for somewhat less strenuous work, and there also she was loved and respected by white people and Maori alike. For a time she once relieved as nurse in charge of the Leper Station at Quail Island. She had nursed small pox, and was always ready to volunteer for any special and difficult task, never thinking of risk to herself. Her death leaves a gap in the ranks of the district nurses for natives, and in the nursing profession, which will be greatly felt.

The death is announced on March 4th of the Hon. Mark Cohen, of Dunedin. Mr. Cohen had for several years devoted much time and attention to the matter of superannuation for nurses. It is no doubt largely owing to his efforts that this very important legislation for nurses has been an accomplished fact. Not content with the measure which passed through Parliament which limited the benefits to the public hospital nurses, he was still endeavouring to have them

extended to private nurses as well, and it is greatly to be regretted that he has passed away with that object unfulfilled. In speaking of his desire, he said that although he himself had experienced the best cure during illness on the part of nurses, it was as a memorial to his wife that he wished to do something for the profession, the members of which had given her such devoted service. Mr. Cohen was a friend to nurses who will indeed be difficult to replace.

In the "Nursing Times" of January 14, we read of the death of Baroness Sophie Mannerheim, at Helsingfors, Finland. Baroness Mannerheim was a pioneer of modern nursing in her country. She went to England and received her training at the Nightingale School, St. Thomas' Hospital, London, finishing in 1902. She then went back to Finland and was appointed Matron of the Helsingfors Surgical Hospital, and was also president of the Nurses' Association of Finland. Several of our New Zealand nurses met this most interesting and progressive nurse at the conference of the International Council of Nurses, of which she was president from 1922 to 1925. Besides her outstanding ability as an organiser and teacher of nurses she was possessed of a most gracious personality, and a presence which inspired the deepest respect, and with the great task enabled her to carry out reforms in the nursing world not only in her own country, but by her influence in those less forward countries where trained nursing was in its infancy. The nursing profession has sustained a great loss by her death.

Miss Margaret McLeod, trained at the Dunedin Hospital, died in Dunedin on January 22nd, after having undergone a serious operation sometime previously, and from which she never recovered. Sister did private nursing for several years, and, just prior to her illness was a Sister on the Waimate Hospital staff. Her death will be keenly regretted by many of her nurse friends.

Mrs. W. Irwin (Nurse Essie Roulston), trained at the Dunedin Hospital, 1914—