

Farewell to Miss Newman

A pleasant function was held on September 11th, at St. Helens Hospital, Wellington, to say farewell to the Matron, Miss Newman, who retires at the end of the month. A large number of ex-St. Helens trainees assembled and were welcomed by Dr. Bennett and the staff. Other visitors were Miss Bicknell, Miss Inglis (a former Matron), Miss Morgan (Matron of Alexandra Home), Miss Maclean, Miss Moore and Miss Willis.

Dr. Valintine, Director-General of Health, had been unfortunately called away, and sent a letter regretting his inability to be present.

The Hon. the Minister of Health, Mr. Young, who was desirous of seeing the hospital before Miss Newman's departure, arrived, and after being escorted round the wards, was asked by Dr. Bennett to make the presentation to Miss Newman of a letter and a beautiful blue leather hand-bag containing a substantial cheque from past and present pupils. The letter, beautifully hand-written in Old English letters, was bound in pamphlet form in purple suede. The names of all the subscribers possible to the testimonial were signed, and names of absent contributors (some as far as India) were appended.

Before the presentation, Dr. Bennett, Medical Officer to St. Helens, spoke feelingly of the retirement of Miss Newman and of the splendid work she had done, and the place she had won in the hearts of all in contact with her. She then read the letter, which is as follows:—

MISS NEWMAN,
Matron,
St. Helens Hospital,
Wellington.

We, the undersigned, wish to put on record our great appreciation of your period of service at St. Helens Hospital, Wellington.

By your fearless adherence to the principles of right and justice, by your thoughtful consideration for all with whom you have come in contact, by your selfless and ceaseless activities on behalf of patients and staff, you have endeared yourself to all, and you have set, by personal example, a standard of work and conduct which will be a permanent influence in the lives of most of us. It has been a privilege to be

associated with you, and it is with deepest regret that we have learned of your resignation.

We trust that many years of happy active life may be yours, and that you will accept the cheque we enclose with our affectionate regards. We hope that you will purchase with it some small comfort for your new home.—We are,

The Members of the Staff and the Pupils
and ex-Pupils of St. Helens Hospital,
Wellington.



Mr. Young, in making the presentation, spoke of the appreciation of the Department of Miss Newman's work as a teacher and trainer of nurses, and of the great help she had been to the mothers and children of Wellington, and wished her a happy and useful life in her retirement.