

Transfers and Resignations

ST. HELENS HOSPITAL, WANGANUI.

On the occasion of the transfer of Miss Mary Bagley, Matron of St. Helens, Wanganui, to the Matronship of the Wellington St. Helens, the President and members of the Wanganui Branch of the N.Z.T.N.A. held a delightful afternoon tea, to which Miss Bagley and her friends were invited.

Miss McKenny (the President) spoke of the loss to the branch of so capable a worker, and said that Miss Bagley had done much to uplift nursing in the community.

She presented a gift from the members and wished her all success in her new surroundings.

Miss Bagley in responding, said that the remembrance of such appreciation would be a great help to her.

The nursing staff of St. Helens Hospital, Wanganui, were hostesses on a recent Friday, when the guest of honour was Miss Bagley, Matron of St. Helens, who will leave shortly for Wellington. Ex-nurses and friends of Miss Bagley were invited, and many regrets were expressed at Miss Bagley's departure.

The medical officer and the nursing staff made handsome presentations to Miss Bagley.

ST. HELEN'S HOSPITAL, WEL- LINGTON.

Sister Boyce, Sub-Matron, who is going to Wanganui as Matron of St. Helens, was given a farewell party at St. Helens, Wellington, prior to her departure. The staff were got up in fancy dress. A farewell gift was presented to Sister Boyce.

WELLINGTON HOSPITAL.

RESIGNATION OF MISS STOTT.

The resignation of Miss Stott, Lady Superintendent of Wellington Hospital, was not unexpected. Her long illness, which extends over twelve months, has left her no option but to give up her work, hard as it is to do so. She has been on the staff of the Hospital for fifteen years,

having joined as Night Sister not very long after coming out from England, where she was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. In 1915 she was appointed Assistant Matron, and in 1916 succeeded the late Miss Payne as Matron.

During her term of office the Training School has increased immensely, and the work of the Hospital has been extended. During the war, most of the senior sisters were away on active service, thus rendering the Matron's position more and more strenuous.

For some time, Miss Stott was President of the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association, and did much to further the aims of the Association.

In 1927 she inaugurated the Matrons' Council of New Zealand, the first conference of which took place, with herself in the chair, in October of that year. The meeting was well attended by most of the leading Matrons of the Dominion, and it was felt to be an advance in nursing service. The next meeting is planned to take place in April, 1929.

Miss Stott retires on superannuation under the scheme recently instituted between the Hospital Boards, the Government, and the National Provident Fund, and will be the first Matron to benefit in this way; others who receive pensions derive them under a special clause in the Hospitals Act, 1924.

After a period of rest and treatment, Miss Stott, with her sister, intends to return to England, where she has a married sister.

(Note.—The notice of Miss Stott's death appears on another page.)

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