

*Auckland Star*. 12 December 1911 (PP) [12/02/2024]

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A pleasing little ceremony took place at the Cambridge Sanatorium prior to the departure of Sister Noonan (who has been in charge of the Plunket colony for the past 12 months), when she was presented with a handsome gold bangle as a mark of esteem from the patients under her charge. Mr "Jock" Porter made the presentation, and in a happy little speech alluded to the good feeling which had prevailed in Plunket colony, and made a point of recording the fact that no patient had had a complaint of any sort to make against Sister Noonan's administration during the whole time she had been in charge.

*Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser*. 21 May 1915 (PP) [12/02/2024]

NURSES FOR THE FRONT — Among the nurses who will go forward with the Government Hospital staff, which is to be provided for the Dardanelles wounded in Egypt, is Nurse Noonan, sister of Mr E. Noonan, of Akaroa. Nurse Noonan was trained in the Timaru Hospital, and is a fully qualified nurse.

*Kai Tiaki*. 1 July 1915 (PP) [14/02/2024]

### **Presentation of the Badges**

A ceremony which is becoming quite familiar took place in the Parliamentary Library on July 9th, when the New Zealand badges were presented to the nurses who left on July 10th with the Hospital Ship. There was quite a large gathering of onlookers, as in addition to Mrs. Massey, who pinned the badges upon the nurses, assisted by Lady Bell, there were present several of the Ministers of the Crown, Mrs. James Allen, Mrs. Herdman, Mrs. Pomare, Miss Massey, the Mayoress (Mrs. Luke), several of the members of both Houses of the Legislature and their wives, and Miss Bicknell. Her Excellency the Countess of Liverpool was unable to be present. It was an interesting ceremony, and in his speech the Minister of Defence (the Hon. James Allen) did not lightly pass over the difficulties and trials that our nurses in their care for the soldiers would have to face.

The Deputy-Minister for Defence said that a thousand applications had been received from nurses who wished to go on service — 400 from untrained nurses and 586 from trained nurses. The nurses on the Hospital Ship would be under Miss Brooke, Matron of the Hospital Ship Staff. Those who went on to England from Egypt would be in charge of Sister Willis, from Samoa. The task of selecting those for the Hospital Ship had been carried out by himself and Miss Bicknell, and was a very difficult one, as no fewer than ten hospitals in New Zealand were represented. He felt sure that Colonel Hon. W. E. Collins (Officer in Command) would be pleased with the selection. The Minister also tendered his best wishes to the nurses, and expressed the hope that they would return safely to this Dominion.

Cheers for Miss Bicknell, and the Ministers terminated the proceedings, and as each nurse left the building she was presented, on behalf of Lady Liverpool, with a box of chocolates.

*Akaroa Mail and Banks Peninsula Advertiser.* 2 June 1916 (PP) [12/02/2024]

Nurse Kathleen Noonan, who left with the N.Z. Army Nursing Staff on the Hospital Ship Maheno on her first trip is returning to N.Z. Nurse Noonan is a sister of Mr E. Noonan, of Akaroa and Mrs B. Barker Duvauchelle.

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#### SISTER KATE NOONAN

Sister Kate Noonan, N.Z.A.N.S., who went to Egypt in the Hospital Ship Marama, and was invalided home some six months ago, has gone up to Wellington to report for duty again. Sister Noonan has been in Duvauchelle some months with her sister, Mrs B. Barker. She expects to be on duty at the local camps for some time before being sent out on active duty.

*Hawke's Bay Tribune.* 17 November 1923 (PP) [12/02/2024]

#### GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

##### HOSTEL AT HASTINGS.

##### FORMAL OPENING CEREMONY.

The Hastings Girls' Friendly Society's Girls' Lodge, for the establishment of which the members of the G.F.S. have been working so devotedly for several years, has now materialised and has taken up its quarters in the two-storeyed building, in Lyndon road, occupied some time ago by Dr. T. McKibbin and which has been leased by the society for two years from Mrs Lockie.

The lodge was formally opened this afternoon in the presence of a large gathering of the public and others more intimately interested in the institution by Mrs D. Ruddock, amongst those in attendance being the Mayor of Hastings.

Each person who attended brought a present as a gift for the lodge, and after a short service conducted by the Rev. R. T. Hall, Mrs Ruddock, in a brief address declared the lodge open.

Those who assisted by their presence at the inaugural ceremonies then partook of afternoon tea, and were conducted over the building and surroundings by **Miss K. Noonan**, the matron.

##### THE BUILDING.

The building is situated on half an acre of ground, upon which room can be provided for a tennis court and the location, while convenient to the centre of the town, is semi-detached and has its surroundings open.

The dwelling, which will for a start accommodate eleven boarders, has five big bedrooms, airy and cheerful, all plainly and neatly furnished and each provided with an ample wardrobe whilst, if occasion demands, the balcony on the upper storey can be used as a sleeping porch. Each bedroom can accommodate two occupants at least, some of them three. There is a sitting room for the girls upstairs, which is bright and very comfortably appointed, and commands a fine view. The dining room, also well lighted and spacious is downstairs and, immediately behind, is a well-equipped kitchen. The house is very homelike and is equipped with every requirement, except a piano, which, it may be presumed, will make its appearance in due course.

Miss **Kathleen Noonan**, of Wellington, the matron, is a trained nurse, who is well known in Napier, where she had charge of the Girls' Hostel, and through Hawke's Bay as a gracious and sympathetic lady, kindly and capable, with a faculty for maintaining discipline by her character and personality.

The lodge, as may be understood, is not to be run for profit, and so the fees charged to the girls will be arranged on a sliding scale according to the salaries received, the girls getting the smallest salaries, receiving preference of admission to the lodge. The dominant idea is to provide a good home for girls from outside, who take up positions in Hastings, but whose incomes are insufficient to meet the charges made at hotels or other houses of accommodation for visitors. The aim of the promoters is also to get these girls into touch with cheerful and wholesome society, to protect them from forming haphazard acquaintances of an undesirable character, and generally to look after their welfare.

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#### THE G.F.S. HOSTEL.

The efforts of St. Matthew's branch of the Girls' Friendly Society to establish a hostel in Hastings have at last become an accomplished fact.

On Saturday afternoon the hostel, situated in Lyndon road east, was opened by Mrs. Ruddock, of Napier.

The two-storey building of the hostel was thrown open and the visitors, including a number of Napier people, strolled through the various rooms, all of which are well furnished and artistically arranged. A profusion of bowls of beautiful flowers was in each room. A very dainty afternoon tea was dispensed by the members of the G.F.S.

Among the large crowd attending the opening were . . . . .

Miss **Kathleen Noonan**, of Napier, has been installed as first matron of the lodge.