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WHAT A GRAND RECEPTION FOR THE CADET JOTTINGS

We are completely overwhelmed... the demand for more copies of last month's Cadet Jottings... the donations towards our expenses that have been pouring in... and the letters received leave us in a whirl... **THANK YOU EVERYBODY, THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH.** Here you can read portions of some of the letters received; "Congratulations on a very fine piece of work..." "Best of luck for the magazine..." "May I take this opportunity to wish you all the success you deserve..."

INVESTITURE ATTENDED BY FOUR FROM H.B. DISTRICT

Hawkes Bay was represented by four at the investiture ceremony of the Order of St. John at Christchurch when awards announced recently were presented.

They were;

Mr. A. Kirkpatrick, Hastings, who was invested as a knight of the Order. He has been a member of the Hastings sub-centre since 1936 and its chairman from 1950 to 1956, when he was appointed chairman for the following two years. He has been president of the Hawkes Bay-East Coast Centre since 1954 and was appointed director of ceremonies to the Priory in New Zealand 18 months ago.

Mr. H. Forster has been a member of the Napier sub-centre for 12 years and its chairman for the past six. He is a member of the Priory Chapter and has been raised from officer to the grade of commander in the order

Dr. A. Russell, Napier, raised from serving brother to officer, has been a member of the Napier sub-centre and Hawke's Bay-East Coast centre for eight years. He holds the long-service medal of the order and is brigade surgeon of the Napier Nursing Division. He sponsored the air attendants' course in New Zealand.

Mrs. I. Griffiths, Hastings, who was admitted as a serving sister, has been a member of the Hastings sub-centre for 15 years.

Unable to be present at the Investiture, Mr. A. I. Rainbow, Hastings, was promoted to commander of the order

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AS GOVERNOR - GENERAL OPENS NEW HASTINGS HEADQUARTERS

The robes and insignia worn by high officials of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, the uniforms of the men and women and cadets of the ambulance and nursing divisions, the gold cope and robes of the Bishop of Waiapu, and the robes worn by other clerics, combined to make an impressive scene when the new hall of the St. John Ambulance Association was opened in Hastings by the Governor-General, Lord Cobham.

Lord Cobham, accompanied by Commissioner Barden and Mr. A. I. Rainbow, president of the Hastings sub-centre inspected the parade of divisions which had formed up in front of the hall.

Nursing Cadet Enid Murray presented Lady Cobham with a bouquet.

Mr. Rainbow said this was a notable day in the history of St. John affairs.

The new hall and property stood as a tribute to the work of the Saint John Ambulance in this area, he said.

"We take the greatest joy in seeing this progress by the Order of Saint John and express the prayer that from this building, which we may regard as the cornerstone of their activities there go forward more and more men and women boys and girls, who will exhibit the attributes and show the self-discipline and benefits of the training by which they will be dedicated in service to their fellows," said the mayor of Hastings, Mr. W. E. Bate.

Lord Cobham said that as this was the first St. John ceremony he had attended since the passing of their well-loved Chancellor, Sir William Appleton, he felt it right to pay a tribute to his memory. Sir William seemed to him to embody all that the Order had stood for throughout the ages — kindness, devotion to duty and valour.

At Lord Cobham's request those present stood as a mark of respect.

The Governor-General said the order had for centuries stood for the ideal of voluntary service that embodied so much of the Christian ethic. In these times, when in all countries of the Western world the State had taken over so much of the responsibility of the care of the old, the young and the sick, people were apt to imagine that this relieved them of any personal responsibility towards their fellow citizens.

He believed this to be a mean and narrow view. He thought

the essence of charity and of service lay in giving more than was asked.

"St. John has always played its part nobly in contributing to the civic life of the community," said Lord Cobham. "It is doubtful if a finer ambulance service exists anywhere south of the equator than in New Zealand.

It gave him great pleasure in his capacity as Governor-General and as Prior to declare this hall open.

Mr. A. Kirkpatrick, a Knight of St. John, who was the director of ceremonies, thanked Lord Cobham for attending and opening the hall.

The swordbearer for the procession was Mr. C. Meachen, Wellington, Priory secretary for New Zealand.

The Rt. Rev. N. A. Lesser, Bishop of Waiapu, dedicated the building and lead the gathering in prayer.

ANNUAL MEETING OF HASTINGS SUB-CENTRE

The chairman Mr. H. Elliott revealed at the Hastings sub-centre, annual meeting that there were 172 uniformed members who did 3315 hours duty, that new uniforms costing £271 had been purchased and that a total of 584 calls for blood had been made on the blood transfusion service over the past year.

A presentation of a new piano had been made by Mr. and Mrs. C. D. White, a humanitarian prayer of the Order by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Erickson and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Taylor a matching framed Code of Chivalry, and Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Rainbow and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Elliott presented a St. John flag and a Union Jack flag respectively.

OUCH!

You should be glad you didn't live in the primitive days of medicine. An accident victim of the seventeenth century in Britain, requiring a blood transfusion, was put in a chair while a lamb was killed and brought to him. A gash was made in the lamb and another in the arm of the patient so that the animals blood could flow into him. If the patient survived one transfusion the next one usually killed him, as the bloods did not mix. Anyone unlucky enough to go off his head in the 1800's risked being subjected to a variety of "cures." Mentally ill people were sometimes locked in a tiny cage which allowed them neither to sit up nor turn, then given a thrashing, a thorough dosing with ice-water, or were spun on a giant wheel.

— Contributed.

Detective Sergeant Jesson, Hastings Police, gave a talk on crime detection to the Hastings ambulance cadets.

FUN AND FANCY DRESSES AT HASTINGS SOCIAL

"Come as you are" read invitations to the dance organized by the Hastings Cadet Social Committee. Four girls who aroused much amusement had altered their hair styles and donned sugar bag frocks which emulated designs of the modernistic "sack" dresses. Prizes were awarded for an "Across the River" waltz and the "Monte Carlo." Master of Ceremonies was Mr. R. Burfield who welcomed cadets from Napier and Havelock North.

COMMITTEE'S FIRST SOCIAL IN HAVELOCK NORTH

The new committee formed by Havelock North Cadets staged a social which may well be described as a credit to them for their first attempt. A practically non-stop evening began with a Gay Gordons and was followed with novelty events and dances. Prizes were broadcast liberally and the band was superb. Decorations made by the Nursing Cadets were arranged by the committee. Visitors from Hastings were present.

A farewell evening by the Hastings nursing cadets was when a gift to Cadet Officer Miss A. Foote, who was married recently was presented. Miss Foote was well known for her work in cadet competition teams before she rose to rank of Cadet Officer.

HASTINGS CADET CHRISTMAS SOCIAL HASTINGS CADET CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

At the St. John Headquarters, Southland Road.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6th.

7.45 p.m.

SUBS. 1/6.

Fancy Dress

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Fancy Dress

ATTENTION ARTISTS ATTENTION ARTISTS (Competition Announcement)

AGE GROUPS; Under 15, Over 15 (Officers may enter.)

SUBJECTS (Any size); Landscape, Still Life, The Accident,
Horses, Flowers, My Home.

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