

and Mothers' Union, Catholic Women's Clubs, National Council of Women, Red Cross and St. John Ambulance, Y.W.C.A., etc. All these were actively concentrating on the "Home Campaign" for some months, working with American enthusiasm and ingenuity and holding all kinds of competitions in connection with it. The campaign closed with a network broadcast by Mrs. Dickenson, the president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, whom I visited in Washington in connection with our own Women's Institutes. Mrs. Dorothy Lewis, the enthusiastic promoter of the movement, whose title is "N.A.B. Co-ordinator of Listener Activity," and who arranged my membership of the A.W.D., has already posted to me a summary of this "Home Campaign" which, I think, will be of great interest to our own women's organisations.

### The Outward Journey

We left Auckland on April 14, and we steamed up the beautiful harbour of San Francisco at sunset on April 27. Very good going! The journey was reasonably comfortable, and fortunately without incident, although we were required to carry our lifebelts with us wherever we went, and had regular boat-drill. When I went aboard, a polite and smiling American officer said, "Passenger, Ma'am? Stateroom No. 1." This sounded promising, but a sailor conducted me down first one flight of stairs and then down a narrower one, and finally down a near-ladder, which led into the first hold! Here a fairly large area had been partitioned off and made ready to accommodate the 19 American nurses, three New Zealand brides and myself. There were beds enough for 27, however — wire bunks painted white and arranged in three tiers down the middle of the room. There were also 27 pegs in the wall and 27 lockers, in which we kept our shoes and books and "what-nots," hanging our dresses on our peg. Our suitcases we did not unpack more than we could help, and we stowed them away nice and shipshape. The big air-conditioning pipes ran overhead, and the electric lighting was adequate. The large wash-room led out of this dormitory; we had three shower-baths, each with hot and cold fresh water—a great boon, not available to the men on board—and four wash-basins were fixtures against the wall, with mirrors and a little shelf above them.

The 19 nurses were a wonderful crowd. Accustomed to living in tents during their sojourn in the Islands, or in their training camps, they understood exactly how to make the most of our limited space; and their neatness and consideration for each other were beyond praise. They were always washing clothes, ironing on improvised tables, shampooing and setting one another's hair; they kept themselves immaculate at all times; they spoke quietly and never disturbed anybody—fine women! They were returning home after many months of duty.

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