

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

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ON hearing the results of the B. P. N. A. Exam., two of the Indian nurses of the Dufferin Hospital, Karachi, who had passed determined to treat their friends to a dinner.

With permission of Miss Nye, Nursing Superintendent, this was accomplished.

It was an Indian dinner and served in Indian style on the beautiful green croquet lawn in front of the Louise Lawrence Institute (Nurses' Home).

In the centre of the lawn was laid the snowy white table cloth with a border of red.

Our popular doctor, Miss Brown (Acting Physician in charge), and Miss Nye with the whole of the nursing staff were the guests of Nurse Septal and Nurse Esther, the successful candidates. It was a cool and breezy evening, electric lights, flower bordered beds, palm trees in the background made a suitable Eastern setting. East mingled with West in healthy co-operation. It was pleasing to see the goodwill that existed between all present.

After dinner a gramophone was in request and a few dances were indulged in. Dr. Brown (W. M. S.), with one of the nurses, dancing the newest dances to perfection. After dancing games were played with much amusement. Nurse Argent recited the "Parody on the Gipsy's warning." This nurse is barely 19 and her intonation of this parody was excellent. The finale was a tug-of-war between the maternity section and general ward nurses. The former, who were in greater numbers, won the pull over, and were well clapped. Miss Nye, who enters into the spirit of all that will tend to the happiness of the nurses, was the referee. At 11 o'clock it was time for bed, when cheers were given for the popular Nursing Superintendent and the two nurses. It was a pleasant evening and everyone were pleased to be able to congratulate Nurses Septal and Esther. The Dufferin Hospital, Karachi, is doing much good work amongst the different sections of women here. The wards have as inmates Baluchis, Pathans, Meckranis, Sindhi women, etc., some being strictly purdah. It is a blessing indeed to some of these purdah women to be able to enter hospital under a lady doctor, as many say they would rather die than be attended by a man doctor, some of them come in very ill, and it is only then one realises what a curse is custom with its accomplishment of "purdah," and one is glad one is of the West and freedom.

Miss Nye has been appointed Nursing Superintendent of the Karachi Dufferin Hospital in place of Miss Dawson who has left for S. Africa, where she is to be married. Miss Nye holds the R. R. C., 1st class, for services during the war. Miss Nye was Matron of the Bombay Presidency Hospital at Alexandria, a hospital of over 1,000 beds. We wish her all success in her new appointment.