

The Matrons' Council.

An account of the new members who join the Matrons' Council is always interesting to our readers, and we are glad to be able to give the following details of the careers of Miss Barton and Miss G. K. Adams.

Miss Eleanor C. Barton, the Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester. When the Nurses' Home in connection with the Chelsea Infirmary was built she was appointed its first Superintendent,

was for some years Solicitor General. A good deal of her life was spent with Lord Plunket, the late Archbishop of Dublin, whom she nursed in his last illness. In a most interesting life of the Archbishop, by Mr. Walsham How, which has recently been published, Mr. How, speaking of his last illness, says: "Lord Plunket was happy in being surrounded by those whom he knew and loved well. His only nurse was his favourite niece, Miss Eleanor Barton, who had given herself to the work of a trained nurse some time before."

Miss Georgina Kinmear Adams is Matron of



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and remained there for three years, when she was elected to the matronship of the new convalescent home in connection with the Chelsea Infirmary—Chelsea House, Westgate-on-Sea. Her tenure of this office was short, only nine months, but it was, Miss Barton informs us, a most delightful experience, which she relinquished in order to take up the position of Matron at the Chelsea Infirmary, which contains 423 beds.

Previous to entering the nursing profession Miss Barton always lived in Ireland, where her eldest brother, now a judge in Dublin,

the fine new Ruchill Fever Hospital at Glasgow. There are 34 blocks of buildings in this hospital which contains 440 beds. Miss Adams holds the certificate of the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and the Belvidere Fever Hospital. After being for a time connected with the Royal Scottish Nursing Association, Edinburgh, she was, in 1895, appointed Matron of the Forfar Infirmary, and in 1898 Matron of the Middle Ward, Isolation Hospital, Motherwell, a position which she relinquished to take up her present important appointment.

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