

Nurses of Note.

MISS S. B. MCGAHEY.

Miss McGahey, the Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, is now in England on her way to the International Nurses' Congress and we therefore availed ourselves of the opportunity to learn something of her work, and of the condition of nursing in New South Wales. The Prince Alfred Hospital ranks high in the nursing world, and we took the occasion of asking Miss McGahey, who was trained at the London Hospital, how the standard of training in the Colony compares with that at home. She is of opinion that it fully equals it and that there is indeed more systematic training both in theoretical and practical work. At the Prince Alfred Hospital the Matron lectures to the nursing pupils on nursing and

also takes part in the examinations. The Hon. Medical Staff also take a keen interest in the education of the nurses, and besides lecturing to

them spend several afternoons during the examination week in conducting the examinations. It is interesting also to hear, that the principle of the desirability of independent examination is recognized and that Miss McGahey is assisted in

conducting the examination of the nurses in their practical work by a certificated nurse unconnected with the school. At the Prince Alfred Hospital also candidates for training are put through an examination by the Matron as a test of their general knowledge.

The class of women who apply for training is as a rule good, but if they do not come up to the necessary educational standard, they are advised to return again in a year or two's time and to study certain subjects in the interval.

"I find it a good a plan" said Miss McGahey, "to give girls who come up to Sydney from the country an opportunity

of seeing a day's work in the wards. Sometimes they apply for training afterwards, and of others no more is heard."



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