

Some New Members of the Matrons' Council.

MISS LYDIA NEWMAN.

Our portrait this week is of Miss Lydia Newman, the Lady Superintendent of Nursing at

the fine Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, and Lady Superintendent of the Belfast Nurses' Home and Training School, by which the hospital is nursed. Miss Newman was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital from 1882 — 1885. She subsequently held for a year the position of Night Superintendent at the St. Marylebone Infirmary. In 1886 she was appointed Lady Superintendent of the Belfast Nurses' Home and Training School, which position she still holds. The Royal Victoria Hospital was established in 1814, as the Royal Hospital, incorporated by Royal Charter, in 1875, and again in 1898,

after £100,000 had been raised and expended in rebuilding the hospital, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of the late Queen, a sum which was raised largely by the efforts of the Lord and Lady Mayoress at that time. The Hospital con-

tains 200 beds, and in addition there is connected with it a Children's Hospital of forty beds, a Consumptive Department having ten beds, and a Convalescent Hospital of thirty beds.

The Nursing Staff consists of the Lady Superintendent, a Night Superintendent, and fifty-three nurses and probationers. The period

of training is for four years, and pupils are certificated after passing a satisfactory examination in Anatomy, Physiology, and Nursing. In importance the Royal Victoria Hospital undoubtedly ranks first amongst those in the North of Ireland, and the position of Lady Superintendent of Nursing of the Nurse Training School is a most responsible one, as the influence of the school is wide and far reaching.

Miss Newman, who has recently joined the Matrons' Council, is also a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses. She is thus able to keep in touch not only with the members of her own training school, but also with her colleagues

who hold positions as Superintendents of nursing. The maintenance of these professional relations has proved to be of mutual pleasure and profit to all concerned.



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