

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Miss S. M. Marsters, Superintendent of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association, whose portrait as one of the members of the Matrons' Council we publish on this page, was trained at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, holding its certificate from 1889 to 1893. For three years subsequently she was Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Mildenhall, after which she entered the Home of the North London Nursing Association for District Training, subsequently holding the position of Senior Nurse there, and so took up the special branch of nursing to which the greater portion of her professional career has been devoted with such conspicuous success.

In 1900 she was appointed Superintendent of the Hampstead District Nursing Association, affiliated to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute; and joined the Institute in 1903, at which date she was appointed Superintendent of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association, which she still holds.

Miss Marsters holds the following additional qualifications: the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute as Health Visitor and School Nurse, and of the same Society as an Inspector of Nuisances, the special certificate of the National Health Society for Sanitary Inspectors in connection with Tuberculosis.

Miss Marsters is a firm believer in co-opera-

tion in social work, and that the progress of district nursing is much assisted by its representation on the Committees dealing with social questions in the areas where the nurses work, and also that this contact with wider interests helps the finances of a Nurses' Association. This she considers proved by the fact, that the staff of the Paddington Home, where this policy is adopted, has been increased, in ten years, from five to eleven nurses.

Miss Marsters is a School Manager, representing the London County Council on a non-provided school committee, also on the Care Committees. She represents the Association on the Charity Organization Society and various other societies in the two boroughs.

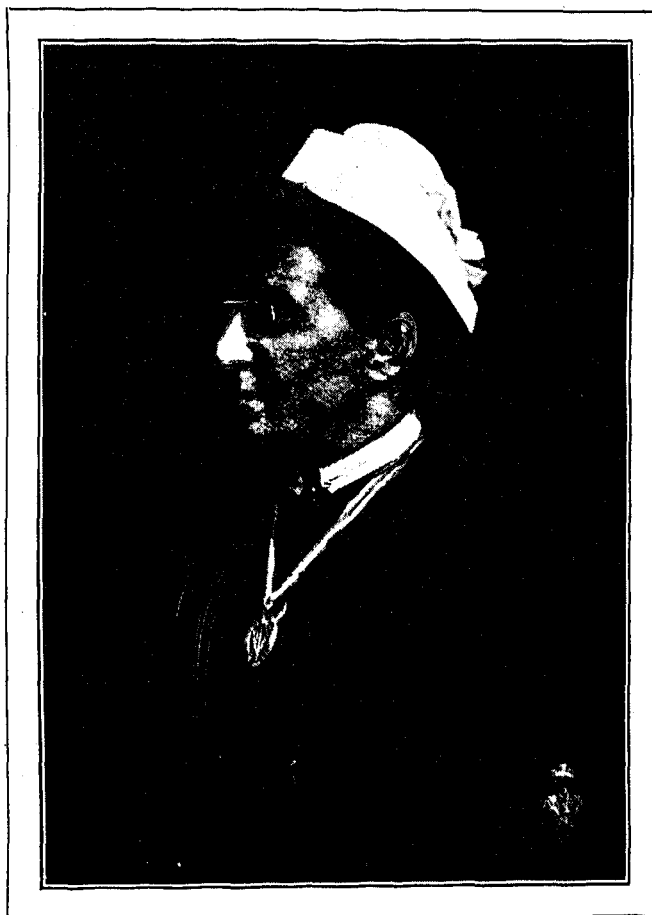
Last year she was appointed Lecturer and Examiner for the British Red Cross Society, and she is a member of the Council of the Midwives' Institute.

She is also Chairman of the Queen's Nurses' Benevolent Fund.

It will thus be seen how multifarious are the interests affected by, and affecting, the work of a Superintendent of District Nurses, and the wider the conception a

Superintendent has of her public responsibilities, the better able she is not only to perform her own work efficiently, but to train others to take a broad outlook on their duties, and so to become some of the most valuable, as they are hard-working, members of the community.

The nurses of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association are, therefore, to be congratulated that they have the example of so public-spirited a Superintendent.



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