

## THE DUBLIN CASTLE HOSPITAL.

The name of Dublin Castle awakens many memories, memories of gaiety and splendour, memories of sterner times—when the Castle ruled and the people rebelled. Now, when Ireland (God save her) is at peace with herself and the world, Dublin Castle comes out in a new and beneficent character, and its historic halls are to be devoted to the care of sick and wounded men, conveyed to the Irish metropolis from the battle-fields of France by the hospital ships, which have, during the present War, proved of the greatest benefit and value.

When the Lord Lieutenant, on Wednesday, in last week, formally opened the Dublin Castle Red Cross Hospital, St. Patrick's Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity with a representative gathering. On his arrival, the Lord Lieutenant and Lady Aberdeen (who is chairman of the Committee of Management), were received by Sir John Lynch (Vice - chairman), the Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, and the Matron (Miss A. M. MacDonnell, R.R.C.).

Those who attended the Dublin Nursing Conference, in June, 1913, will remember Lord Aberdeen's cordiality and kindness, and his appreciation of the work of the nursing profession, which he described as "one of the most beneficent callings which has ever blessed mankind," and added that "every one who values the work of the nursing profession desires to offer homage." The faith held by the Lord Lieutenant received practical illustration at

last week's ceremony, when he placed at his side on the dais in the seat of honour the distinguished Matron of the hospital, Miss A. M. MacDonnell. The nursing staff, red gowned, white aproned and white capped, were also in evidence in the body of the hall.

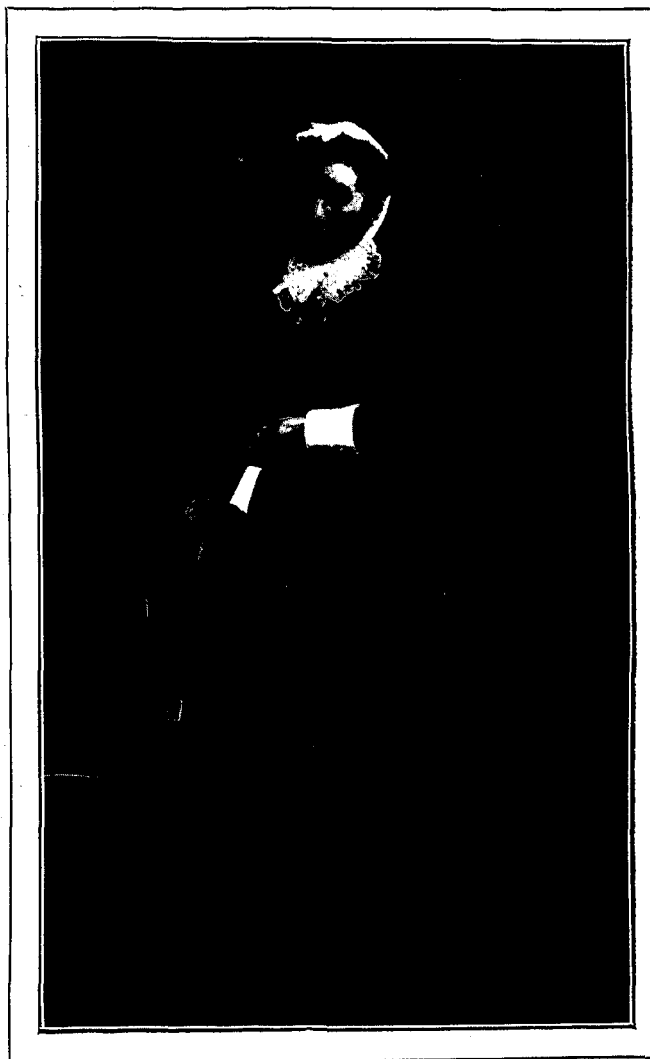
Lord Aberdeen opened the proceedings by reading a telegram from Queen Alexandra, expressing her pleasure at the establishment of the hospital, and wishing it every success.

His Excellency said that the historic hall in which they were assembled had never been put to better purpose than that which it was now designed to serve—the solace, recreation and refreshment of our splendid, brave soldiers, who came back from that great history - making struggle which would go on until its object was accomplished. Might that be soon. He concluded a most sympathetic address by a tribute of admiration to the staff and to Miss Macdonnell, whom he described as "the right lady in the right place."

With this opinion of His Excellency the nursing profession will entirely agree.

Miss Macdonnell has all the qualities and the experience which make her specially suited for the position. Full of vigour and of quick perception, she at once gives even a casual

acquaintance an impression of capacity, which her distinguished professional career supports. She was trained at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin; and at the conclusion of her training was appointed Nursing Superintendent of the Richmond Hospital, under a Matron who made her daily round of the wards in bonnet, veil, dolman and black kid gloves. Miss Macdonnell was appointed Matron of the



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