

principle, that of centralizing theoretical instruction, and so of lessening its expense while increasing its efficiency, and further of securing a uniformity of training which is otherwise impossible to attain.

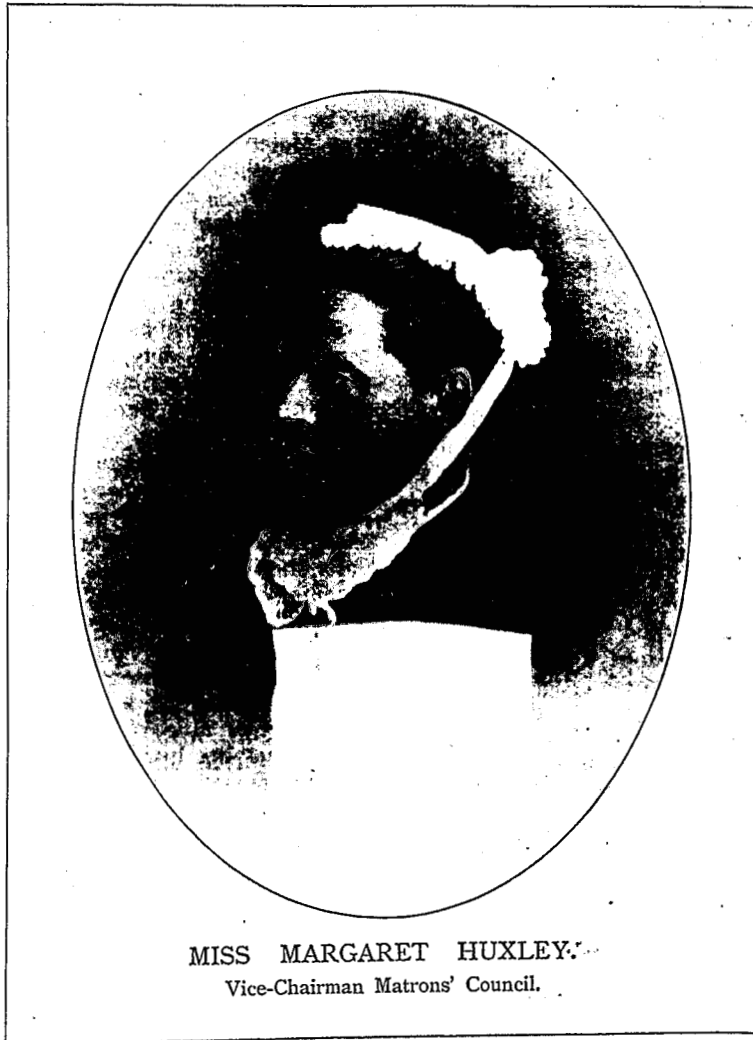
Intending candidates are required to pass a preliminary examination in reading, spelling, writing, and arithmetic, which is conducted by Miss Wilhelmina Spence, of Alexandra College. They then receive instruction in anatomy, physiology, hygiene, invalid cookery, and such other subjects outside hospital training as are deemed necessary for the efficacious training of nurses, the lecturer being unconnected with any of the co-operating institutions. Each year is divided into three terms, and at the end of each term an examination is held in the subject lectured upon. A nurse passing this examination receives a diploma from the Governing Body, but this is in no case delivered to her until she has received her Nursing Certificate. The Governing Body consists of the Presidents of the Royal Colleges

of Physicians and Surgeons in Ireland, who are ex-officio members, and the Matron and one representative of the Medical Staff of each co-operating Institution. Miss Huxley, 13, Molesworth Street, Dublin, is the Hon. Secretary, and will gladly afford information to anyone desiring to obtain further details. Already five institutions in Dublin have joined the school, and in the future, no doubt, many more will avail themselves of the advantages which it affords.

During the past year 25 lectures were given, including three demonstrations in invalid cookery; there were 1218 attendances, and 124 nurses examined. Of these 118 satisfied the examiners and 6 were rejected. The highest possible marks attainable were 300, and the highest number gained was 280, the second highest candidate attaining 274.

Miss Huxley has always taken a keen interest

in the organization of the profession of nursing. As one of the leading Matron Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, it will be remembered with gratitude in days to come that at the greatest possible inconvenience she crossed from Ireland in inclement weather, in December, 1897, to record her vote against the new bye-laws proposed by the Hon. Officers, and when these bye-laws became law she consistently resigned her membership, giving definite reasons to the Executive Committee for her action. Miss Huxley was again present in London last year at the



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Conference of the Matrons' Council, and her colleagues had the advantage of hearing her views on many important points. They were received with the respect and attention which her personality and wide professional experience must always command.

Miss Huxley has recently consented to act upon the professional sub-committee of the International Council of Women, and we are sure that it will be felt that Ireland could not be better represented.

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