

A New Honorary Member.

MISS MCGAHEY.

MISS S. M. MCGAHEY, recently appointed an Hon. Member of the Matrons' Council, and who is Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, was trained at the London Hospital, entering that institution as a probationer in 1884, and subsequently being appointed Sister of the Cotton Ward. She also acted for a few months as one of the Matrons' Assistants. In November, 1889, Miss McGahey left England for Australia, and in May, 1890, was appointed Matron of a new Convalescent Hospital at Camden, about 37 miles from Sydney. Here she remained until September, 1891, when she resigned this post in order to take up the position which she still holds—of Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney.

In addition to her other professional qualifications, Miss McGahey is a certificated midwife, having gained the diploma of the London Obstetrical Society in 1888. Since her appointment as Matron of the Prince Alfred Hospital, she has gained a

brilliant reputation as an organizer and administrator, and her example is a great incentive to her pupils to attain professional proficiency. The Hospital is, from photographs which Miss McGahey has been kind enough to send to us, a most charming place. The wards have polished floors, with tables down the centre, beautifully decorated

with palms and flowers. The beds have white curtains—a necessary provision in a warm climate. Each ward contains 32 beds, for which the nursing staff consists of a Sister, charge nurse, assistant nurse, and two probationers by day, and a staff nurse and assistant nurse at night, so that provision is made to admit of the patients being well nursed. The average hours on duty of the nurses are ten a day. Much consideration has been devoted to making their surroundings when off duty as comfortable as possible. Their sitting room is quite charming, and they also have a fine library and reading room, and a pleasant



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dining room. Out of doors, a tennis court is provided for the use of the nurses, so that it would seem that at the Prince Alfred Hospital, the lines have fallen to them in pleasant places.

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