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**MATRONS AT THE ADMIRALTY.**

TUESDAY, March 6th, 1900, will be a red letter day in the annals of the nursing profession, because then, for the first time, the representatives of a professional Society of Nurses were received by a Government Department to express the views of trained nurses on professional matters. The re-organization of Naval nursing has for some time past been engaging the attention of the Admiralty, but so far as the Matrons' Council was able to learn, the opinion of the heads of nurse training schools had not been invited on this most important matter. They, therefore, as a duty to the profession whose interests they are pledged to support, petitioned the First Lord of the Admiralty to arrange that the views of the Council with regard to such re-organization should be heard. Their request received a most courteous response, and it was arranged that representatives of the Society should wait upon Mr. Austen Chamberlain, M.P., at the Admiralty, on Tuesday last, with this object. The following officers of the Matrons' Council represented it upon this important occasion:—Miss Isla Stewart, President of the Matrons' Council and Matron of St. Bar-

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