

The Matrons' Council.

NEW MEMBERS.

MISS AMY L. BURLEIGH.

At the present time, when so much attention is directed to Federated Australia, and particularly to Melbourne, owing to the great pageant exacted there in the opening of the first Federal Parliament by the Duke of York, on behalf of the King, it is of special interest that an English-woman should have recently taken up work there as Matron of the Melbourne Hospital of over 300 beds, an institution so important that the training there affects for good or ill the work of nursing all over the colony. After much anxious consideration on the part of the Committee, and many personal interviews with candidates in this country by the Chairman, Mr. J. R. Godfrey, J.P., Miss Amy L. Burleigh was selected to fill this influential position. Miss Burleigh was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and on the completion of her training was appointed Night Superintendent at the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, where she afterwards became Assistant Matron, a position which she resigned to take up her present work.

Miss Burleigh is a cousin of Miss Kathleen Burleigh, until recently Matron of the Fountain Fever Hospital, and now Matron at the Children's Hospital, Edinburgh. She is a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, and on her appointment to her present position at once applied for membership of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland. It is unnecessary to

point out the mutual benefit which accrues both to the Matrons' Council at home and to isolated members abroad by the bond of union maintained by its means. To the Society because its members become centres of activity for the promotion of its objects in distant lands, and to the members inasmuch as they feel that they are still in touch with the old interests and friends at home, and that when, in the course of years, they return to the old country they will be sure of a hearty welcome in professional circles. Further, by maintaining relations



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with colonial and foreign members the danger to those at home of becoming insular and narrow is minimized. The fresh young sap of the newer nations circulates through and invigorates the parent root, and we of the Matrons' Council in this country should lose much if we lost the inspirations which come to us through our scattered members.

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