

International News.

Miss J. H. Milne, Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania, has had a varied nursing experience extending over more than twenty years. She entered the Training School of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, in 1877, and was appointed Head Nurse in 1879, and Sister in 1880, a position which she held until 1884. In January, 1885, Miss Milne was selected with two other ladies to go out to Tasmania as Sisters at the Hobart Hospital, and in 1886 she was appointed to her present position as Lady Superintendent of the Launceston Hospital. Miss Milne is Vice-President for Tasmania of the International Council of Nurses, and is a member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association.

An Australian correspondent informs us that the appointment of Miss Martha Farquharson to the Matronship of the Bendigo General Hospital, Victoria, has given great satisfaction to the nurses, and that they are already petitioning to have their term of training extended for six months, so that they may attend the classes of the new Matron and avail themselves of her excellent teaching, for which she was famous when Matron of the Melbourne Hospital.

The writer continues:—"I cannot tell you how interested we have all been in reading the account of

the American Congress of Nurses, and how utterly far behind everything in nursing seems out here in comparison with their wonderful progress. But the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association formed in Sydney is a great achievement, and everything nursing is on a better footing in New South Wales than in other parts of Australia. It has proved an incentive to action, however, upon the part of Victorian nurses, who have organized a Branch and affiliated with the parent society.

"The appreciative tone of the RECORD towards Miss McGahey, our delegate to the Congress, has caused unbounded satisfaction over here. Her splendid work in the Australian nursing world is not a whit too warmly eulogised, and we all feel proud of her.

"Surprise has been expressed that Miss Burleigh, the Matron of the Melbourne Hospital, has not been appointed Hon. Sec. of the Victorian Nurses' Association, but the truth is she holds a most arduous post as Matron and Superintendent of Nursing of a hospital containing upwards of 300 beds, in which there is neither an Assistant Matron nor House-keeper, so you can imagine



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there is no time for outside duties. This is a pity, as the Matron of the leading Victorian Hospital has public duties to her profession, and time should be permitted to her to undertake them. The Committee of the Prince Alfred Hospital in Sydney realize the benefit to the school of having their Lady Superintendent take her place in the nursing world at large—as one of its leaders—and the sooner the Melbourne Committee follow out this idea the better."

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