

The Matrons' Council.

Miss A. M. Kough, whose portrait appears on this page, is the Matron of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, an institution with an interesting foundation, as it shares with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, St. Thomas's

the reception of lunatics. It has 300 beds, which are for the reception of cases which are of less than twelve months' duration, and which are regarded as curable. A few of the patients pay £2 2s. a week, and voluntary boarders are received. Sufferers from epilepsy are ineligible. It was rebuilt in 1676, and the present hospital was constructed in 1810. Bethlem



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Hospital, Bridewell, and Christ's Hospital the distinction of being one of the five original "Royal Hospitals" of London. It was founded as a Priory by Simon Fitzmary in 1247, and in 1547 it was handed over by Henry VIII. to the citizens of London for

(sometimes known as Bedlam, a word which is, of course, a corruption of Bethlehem) is the School of Lunacy, and the work there is of an exceptionally interesting character. Miss Kough obtained her experience in the care of mental cases at the Grove House

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