

### Nurses of Note.

#### MISS ELEANOR C. BARTON.

The portrait which we publish on this page is that of Miss Eleanor C. Barton, the Hon. Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Miss Barton was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester. When the Nursing Home in connection with the Chelsea Infirmary was opened in 1897 she was appointed its first Superintendent, and held this position for three years, when she was appointed Matron of the new Convalescent Home in connection with the Infirmary at Westgate-on-Sea. Her tenure of this office was short, as nine months later, in February, 1901, she was appointed to the Matronship of the Chelsea Infirmary, an institution containing upwards of 420 beds, to which is attached a flourishing nursing school, first organised by Miss Mollett in 1886.

The help of Miss Barton's interest and support may be counted on in all movements for the professional well-being of nurses. On her appointment to the Chelsea Infirmary she joined the Matrons' Council, and at one of its

Conferences read an interesting paper on State Registration as it affects nurses under the Poor Law. She was one of the first to join the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and is a member of its Executive and Parliamentary Bills Committees, and has done much to further the cause. She also founded the flourishing Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League in 1902, a League which has always been noted for its interest not only in nursing matters, but in subjects of general importance. Many have been the pleasant gatherings which have taken place in the tasteful Nurses' Home, at

which, by invitation of the League and its President members of other Leagues have been welcomed as honoured guests.

In June of last year Miss Barton formed one of the party of nurses from this country who attended the International Congress of Women and the International Council of Nurses at Berlin. She is thus well acquainted with the work and aims of the Society and of the benefit to National Councils of affiliation with it, thus bringing the nurses of the various countries of the world into communication with one another. The Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses for this country are fortunate in having secured the services of

Miss Barton as its Hon. Secretary, and they could scarcely have made a happier selection. Personally, Miss Barton is well known to many of her colleagues in the nursing world, and her invariable courtesy, friendliness, hospitality, and personal charm make her a general favourite.

One of her most conspicuous characteristics is her gentleness, but a gentleness which has behind it the force of strength, a combination which often carries its possessors further along the desired road than more aggressive qualities.

We feel sure that the secretaries of the various Leagues and Societies affiliated to the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses will find its Secretary most willing to render them any assistance in her power, and helpful in all their official relations with her. The applications of any Leagues or self-governing societies of nurses desirous of affiliating with the National Council should be sent to her.

Miss Barton is an invaluable Poor Law officer, for she takes an enthusiastic interest in Poor Law work and in its possibilities of development. There is no doubt that it is the great interest of her life.



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