

## The Matrons' Council.

MISS MILLICENT SERGEANT.

*A New Member.*

One of the recently elected members of the Matrons' Council is Miss Millicent Sergeant, whose portrait we have pleasure in publishing on this page.

Miss Sergeant, who is at present Matron of the Hospital, Devizes, was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, and afterwards worked on the Private Nursing Staff of the institution. She was then appointed Sister of a female surgical ward of twenty-nine beds, a post which she held for four years. When the Assistant Matron's post became vacant, Miss Sergeant was selected to fill the vacancy, and an excellent choice it proved, as she did admirable work in this capacity. She is thus extremely well qualified for the responsible duties of a Matron, having had practical experience of ward management as well as of administrative work. She was appointed to the Matronship of the hospital at Devizes in September last.

Last year when on a visit to Exeter we had the pleasure of being taken over the Devon and Exeter Hospital by Miss Sergeant. We feel sure that the authorities of the Devizes Hospital, an exceedingly well arranged and up-to-date institution, are to be congratulated

on having secured her services as Matron. The hospital serves not only the town of Devizes but surrounding country parishes for a considerable area. Like many hospitals in country towns which act as centres for groups of villages, the cases which have been treated during the past year have been both varied and important, proving not only the value of these local institutions, but also the claim that they have on local liberality.

It is interesting to learn that during the past year the Committee have been the recipients of a legacy of £907 from a former resident of Devizes, Miss Jane Patient, late of Balmain, Australia, showing that even when they go to the other side of the world the inhabitants of that town keep a warm corner in their hearts for its local institutions.

Under the rules of the Hospital patients are, at the discretion of the Committee, required to pay a weekly sum of three shillings and sixpence towards their maintenance. It is an interesting fact that over one-sixth of the whole income of the charity last year was de-

rived from this source. Accident and emergency cases, if in a position to do so, are expected to reimburse the Hospital for the expenses incurred. The average cost of each bed during the past year was £35 5s. 10d., a fact which says much for the general administration and for the careful management of the Matron.



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