

## A Recent Member of the Matrons' Council.

### MISS MARGARET STOREY.

A recently elected member of the Matrons' Council is Miss Margaret Storey, matron of the Victoria Hospital, Keighley. Miss Storey has had a varied and considerable experience of nursing. She was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, the nursing school of which, under the able superintendence of Miss Fisher, has so high a reputation, and has sent out many nurses who have made their mark in the nursing world.

At the conclusion of her training Miss Storey held in succession the positions of theatre sister, ward sister, and, for a short time, that of deputy assistant superintendent of nurses, working in connection with her training school for six and a half years, when owing to ill-health she was obliged to take up lighter work.

After a time she was appointed Matron of the Fleetwood cottage Hospital, and then of the Palmer Memorial Hospital Jarrow-on-Tyne, and later of the Montgomeryshire Infirmary, where she remained for three years. In July, 1905, she was appointed to her present position, that of matron of the Victoria Hospital, Keighley, a new and up-to-date hospital containing 50 beds. The theatre block contains a very fine and well equipped operating theatre, and anæsthetic and sterilising rooms. The wards are very pretty, light and airy, and the administrative block contains good sitting-rooms and bedrooms for the staff. All the nurses have separate bedrooms. There is no

resident medical officer, so that the Matron has not only plenty of work to do, but also a very responsible position. In addition to her other duties, Miss Storey superintends a small private nursing staff, connected with the hospital, all the nurses of which are fully trained. A trained nurse also does district work, working from the hospital, so that it is a centre of much useful work, as are so many of the smaller hospitals scattered through the country, where the keen interest taken in them by local supporters is of great value in the maintenance of efficiency.



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### CATERPILLAR RASH.

Dr. Thresh, the county medical officer, has been investigating a peculiar rash, which has been spreading rapidly amongst the children at Highwood, near Chelmsford. All the patients had the same symptoms.

Investigations, according to a contemporary, disclosed the fact that the trouble was caused by caterpillars. The children with a laudable desire to study natural history, had gone in for collecting caterpillars from hedgerows, and the grub *plusia gama*, which is now swarming on the hawthorne hedges, causes the

rash. The children, who have not collected this particular caterpillar have escaped the malady.

The symptoms, which appear within a couple of hours after the grub is handled, are considerable redness and irritation on the hands, face, and neck. The eyes of patients are red and swollen, and become watery.

Dr. Thresh states that only once before has he seen caterpillar rash. A case of smallpox was notified to him, but it was a rash caused by caterpillars having got inside the patient's collar

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