

Our Professional Editors.

MISS GENEVIEVE COOKE.

The portrait which we have the pleasure of presenting on this page is that of Miss Genevieve Cooke, editor of the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*, an excellent quarterly nursing journal.

Miss Cooke is of English extraction, her father being a Manchester man and her mother a Londoner; but they crossed the plains to the Golden West, and their daughter was born in a mining town in the Sierra Nevada Mountains in California. She was educated at a public school, and grew up loving an outdoor life and boyish sports. At the age of seventeen she became imbued with the desire to become a nurse through hearing from an older sister, who had been nursed in a hospital in a critical illness, of the instruction given there to the nurses. She left school shortly before graduating, and before the age of eighteen entered the California Women's Hospital, San Francisco, as one of the pioneer pupils. The hospital at that time accommodated fifty patients, and there were five pupils in training.

The founder of the school, and for many years its superintendent, was an Englishwoman and a most capable nurse, Mrs. Jane Logan, who was trained at the London Hospital. The one night nurse,

year in, year out, Miss Hubie, was also trained in the same school. At that time the term of training was for eighteen months, and shortly after her nineteenth birthday Miss Cooke assumed the responsibilities of a private nurse, in which branch of work she practised constantly for twelve years in San Francisco. She then began a course of special study in Mechanotherapy, and subsequently went to Boston, Massachusetts, where she attended a course of instruction in massage under Dr. Douglas Graham.

Miss Cooke was one of those who attended the meetings of the International Congress of Nurses in Buffalo, U.S.A., in 1901. Her enterprise had its reward, and she herself has told us that she became thenceforth even more enthused in the work to be done by nurses. When the Californian State Nurses' Association was founded Miss Cooke was one of the Charter members, as well as a member of various Committees. She was the first to urge that the Association should have a publication of its own—a suggestion of which the wisdom has since been fully recognised—in order to facilitate the work undertaken by its

members for the higher education and State Registration of Nurses. In 1904 she was appointed Chairman of the Journal Publication Committee, and, at the Annual Meeting in August, 1905, was appointed Editor of the Journal by the Councillors of the State Nurses' Association.



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