

## Nurses of Note.

### THE LADY HERMIONE BLACKWOOD:

The portrait which we publish on this page of the Lady Hermione Blackwood, President of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association, will be welcome to many who have known her not only in actual nursing work, but in connection with the various professional Societies in which she takes a deep interest.

Lady Hermione inherits much of the charm of her father, the late Marquess of Dufferin and Ava, and of the stirring interests of her mother in her wish for the well being of the world. She always had a great wish to train as a nurse, but could not be spared from home. However, when Miss Barton, now Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary, was Home Sister there, Lady Hermione, who is related to her, was able to go there for three months, and greatly enjoyed this time, revelling in hard work, while her bright ways endeared her both to the patients and to her fellow workers.

Later, she went to the London Hospital for a year, and passed all the examinations there, after which she obtained special women's work at the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, W.C. She also had some further general experience at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E. She joined the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, and received her district training at the Home in Bloomsbury Square, W.C., and her maternity training at the District Home, Gloucester. She passed the examination of the London Obstetrical Society, becoming in due course, when the Midwives' Act came into force, a certified midwife. She

is also a certificated masseuse, having gained the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. Recently she obtained further midwifery experience at the Clapham School of Midwifery, under Dr. Annie McCall.

Lady Hermione has worked as a Queen's Nurse in the neighbourhood of her own home at Clondeboye, Ireland, responding to calls both day and night. She was beloved by all, but gradually, as she has taken on other duties, she has had greatly to her regret to give up much of the actual nursing.

Lady Hermione is President of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association, a Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Belfast Branch of the Women's National Health Association, a Manager of two Schools, and the Editor of the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine*. She attended the International Nursing Conferences in Berlin in 1904 and Paris in 1907, and her paper at the latter Conference on "The Nursing of the Poor in their own Homes" attracted much notice.

Recently she has been appointed, by the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League, a Delegate on the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

Although not an appointed inspector under the Q.V.J.I., Lady Hermione has from time to time assisted in inspection work. It may readily be understood what a pleasure her visits give to nurses in lonely outposts, for she has the keen insight and noble ideals inherited from those who have been Empire makers, a charm and sympathy peculiarly her own, and the professional knowledge gained by hard work.



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