

## Nurses of Note.

MISS LAMONT,

*General Superintendent, Q.V.J.I., Ireland.*

We have pleasure in presenting to our readers, on this page, a portrait of Miss Mary Lamont, who has just been appointed President of the Irish Nurses' Association. Miss Lamont has a distinguished professional record, and has taken a deep interest in the organisation of nursing. She is a member both of the Irish Matrons' Association and of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and it will be remembered that she was one of the Irish Matrons who signed the effective letter addressed to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and other members of the Cabinet, protesting against the exclusion of Ireland from the Nurses' Registration Bill last year. Miss Lamont also attended the International Nursing Conference in Paris in 1907, and has consistently endeavoured to forward movements for the advancement of nursing.

She has a long record of professional work, having entered the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, as a probationer, in 1882. At the conclusion of her training she remained there, and was connected with the school for seven years, holding the positions of Sister and Assistant Night Superintendent. In 1889 she was appointed Matron of the Edinburgh City Convalescent Home, an appointment which she held for seven years. She was then appointed Superintendent of the Glasgow Sick Poor and Private Nursing Association, and in 1899 was appointed General Superintendent of the Irish Branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, a position which she still holds, and in which she has gained the affec-

tion and respect of Queen's Nurses throughout Ireland, where the growth and success of the work of the Institute is largely due to the tact and ability with which it has been fostered by Miss Lamont.

The life of the General Superintendent in Ireland is no sinecure, for, besides much office work, her duties include travelling all over the country, inspecting and attending meetings in all weathers, as well as journeys over miles of bleak bogs, and in boats in stormy weather to outlying islands. Nevertheless, Miss Lamont maintains her serenity throughout, so that her visits of inspection are an annual pleasure to the nurses in these out-

lying districts. It is, indeed, one of the strong points in the organisation of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute that it provides the stimulus, help, and encouragement of this expert supervision to its isolated nurses.

Imagine what it must mean to a nurse isolated in a lonely district to receive a visit from her Superintendent, who can advise her as to her difficulties, and who brings with her news of the nursing world, and especially the district nursing world, which is so welcome to those holding positions on outpost duty.

The *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* records of her: However exhausting and unpleasant

the journey has been, Miss Lamont always greets her nurses with cheerful, kind words, and her visits of inspection are looked forward to with universal delight and pleasure from year to year. Her sympathy and tact are un-failing, and whenever any difficulties arise in connection with the work, as must occasionally happen, when Miss Lamont appears upon the scene all know that a solution will be found and peace will reign once more.



MISS MARY LAMONT.

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