

## Nurses of Note.

### MISS LILIAN M. TIPPETTS.

We have pleasure in publishing on this page the portrait of Miss Lilian M. Tippetts, President of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India. Miss Tippetts was trained and certificated for three years at Guy's Hospital, London, from 1896 to 1899, and afterwards served in South Africa during the late War for eighteen months, twelve of which were spent in Pretoria. In connection with her services she was awarded the South African medal. In June, 1902, she returned to Guy's Hospital as Out-patient Sister, and for two years subsequently was Home Sister in the Henrietta Raphael Nurses' Home, and from 1904-1906 held the position of Assistant Matron. In that year she went out to India to reorganise the Government Civil Hospitals at Lahore, the Albert Victor, and Mayo Hospitals, which are respectively native and European institutions.

At the end of three years Miss Tippetts opened the Marlborough House Nursing Home for the reception of patients in Lahore and Simla.

In addition to her other professional qualifications Miss Tippetts is a certified midwife and certificated masseuse. She is very greatly interested in nursing organisation, and the first object of the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India, of which she is President, is "to elevate nursing education

by obtaining a better class of candidates, by raising the standard of training and striving to bring about a more uniform system of education, examination, and certification for trained nurses, both Indian and European." The problem of the organisation of nursing in so vast an Empire as India is one not only of enormous importance, but entailing a large amount of work. As Mrs. Klosz has told us,

it will be a separate matter for each province, as it is in the different States of America, and no other method seems practicable in regard to the vast area to be covered. The desire of the various provinces to obtain the best system of examination and registration will act as a wholesome stimulus on nursing education as a whole. The problem in India is also complicated by the fact that the white races, who are, of course, exotics, and the native races, have both to be taken into consideration. It is not likely for many years to come that native nurses will be able to undertake all the nursing work required, or that they will be able to dispense with the supervision of nurses of the governing race, which is certainly the object



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to be aimed at eventually if a sufficient supply of nurses is to be maintained. The cost of passages, the necessity for frequent furloughs, and the climatic disadvantages under which European nurses work in India make it quite certain that a sufficient supply for the needs of the country can never be maintained from overseas.

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