

SISTER MARTHA OESTERLEN.

Sister Martha Oesterlen is another most steadfast and loyal supporter of organization of nurses in Germany.

She is a pupil of the Diakonie-Verein, and did years of hard work in large State hospitals for the insane. Later, in order to be near her father, who was nearly blind, she took up private nursing at Stuttgart, and Württemberg, her native town.

Sister Oesterlen joined the German Nurses' Association during the foundation year, and during her years of private nursing tried to make a home for private nurses, and to form a branch of the German Nurses' Association, of which she is now the President, in Württemberg. Some years ago the authorities utilized her excellent qualifications by appointing her an inspector of orphans and poor people. Those who attended the International Congress in London in 1909 will remember her as one of the German delegates and speakers.

SISTER HELENE MEYER.

Sister Helene Meyer, Matron of the Municipal Hospital, Dortmund, has had a long and varied experience of hospital work. She was trained in that most famous hospital, the Eppendorf Hospital at Hamburg, and was one of the first group of nurses selected to train Turkish soldiers as nurses in the Gülhaué Hospital at Constantinople. After years of strenuous work, a breakdown compelled her to

resign and to reside for two years in Davos for the restoration of her health. She then returned to work in the Eppendorf Hospital until

selected as Lady Superintendent of the Municipal Hospital in Dusseldorf, with the object of organizing the Nurse Training School there. The circumstances under which, after a few days, she had to give up this post is one of those episodes in nursing history which will make interesting reading when the time comes to write it.

Just at that time the German Nurses' Association was called upon to staff the Dortmund Hospital after 56 years of nursing by deaconesses. It was difficult to find a suitable Matron at once, and Sister Meyer did duty in this capacity for some months.

Two years later she was invited to take the position of Lady Superintendent at Dortmund, and in a few weeks she eliminated the worst features of the nurses' life there, and secured them a suitable home in some houses near the hospital, thus at once eradicating much ill-health.

Before training as a nurse she had passed the teachers' State examination and been a teacher for some years, an experience which should stand her in good stead in connection with the training of nurses, but unfortunately she has little time to give to this important side of her work. German nurses will never have a more thorough and courageous champion than Sister Meyer.



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