

## THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE IRISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

## A NURSING PIONEER.

The election of Miss Eileen M. Joy, Matron of the Coombe Lying-in Hospital, as President of the Irish Matrons' Association is a tribute, not only to her own popularity with her professional colleagues, but also to the standing of the institution with which she is connected. Maternity Hospitals in Ireland, and the advantages which they offer to pupils in training, have always ranked very high in the training school world, and indeed they merit this distinction. Also it is widely believed that the mothers in these hospitals are far healthier and the babies bonnier than in any other large city in the three kingdoms.

Miss Joy has been Matron of the Coombe Hospital for three-and-a-half years, and during the visit of the King and Queen to Dublin during the Coronation Festivities had the honour of receiving Her Majesty when she visited the hospital, and when she gave great pleasure by consenting to be photographed in a ward beside a patient who had suffered a very severe operation.

Dr. Gibson, the Master of the Hospital, and Miss Joy were included in this memorable group. On this occasion Her Majesty on visiting one of the wards found two pairs of Coronation twins, called in each case George and Mary.

We wish the new President of the Irish Matrons' Association a fruitful and successful term of office, assured that she will carry on the public-spirited traditions which have always characterized its work.

Miss M. Amy Turton, whose pioneer nursing work in Italy is so well known to our readers, has, for family reasons, decided to live in England,

and has therefore resigned the post of Assistant Matron at the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena at the Policlinico Hospital, Rome. It was when living in Florence in 1890 that she first felt the necessity for the improvement of nursing in Italian hospitals. With other of her friends she was in the habit of visiting the patients in one of the hospitals and became impressed with the fact that the great need was for intelligent, conscientious nurses, not visitors. She first worked as a pupil in a hospital at Lucca, and later, through the good offices of Miss Nightingale, was admitted to the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, as a paying probationer, returning to Italy first to help to found the new school at the Gesù e Maria at Naples, for which, as she herself was pledged to work in Rome, she secured the invaluable help of Miss Grace Baxter, who has done such splendid service there. Miss Turton

also has devoted the best part of her life to securing better nursing for the Italian sick poor, and her name must always have honourable mention in this connection.

There is ample evidence that Miss Turton's fine work is appreciated, not only by her professional colleagues, but amongst her many friends in the country, in which she has made her home for so many years.



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