

THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

(Founded October 1st, 1914.)

MISS M. NUTT, R.R.C.

Miss Mary A. M. Nutt, R.R.C., to whom has fallen the honour of being elected the first President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, has (says the *South African Nursing Record*) a career which more than justifies the choice. She is at present Matron of the Old Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, and Acting Matron-in-Chief of the S.A.M.N.S. On her has devolved the arduous and difficult task of arranging the nursing service for the German East campaign. Trained at Guy's Hospital, London, she stayed there from 1891 till 1898. Thence she proceeded as Nursing Sister with the West African Frontier Force, with which she stayed until 1901. It was here she gained the coveted Red Cross and West African medal with clasp, of which there are not many in South Africa. During 1901-1902 Miss Nutt was Matron of the Cottage Hospital, Buckhurst Hill, and in the later years she came to South Africa as Sister at the Leper Asylum. For a time during 1903 she was temporary Sister at the Mental Hospital, Bloemfontein, then went as Sister to the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town. From 1904 till 1907 she was Assistant Matron at the same institution, whence she proceeded to her present post of Matron of the Old Somerset. During the German West hostilities, she was Matron of No. 2 General (Alexandra) Hospital, and since the departure of the South African Hospital to Europe, she has, as already stated, taken Mrs. Creagh's place as Matron-in-Chief, S.A.M.N.S.

Miss Nutt's interest in the Association is whole-hearted and enthusiastic. She is President of the Western Province Branch, and it is largely to her good work that the success of this large branch is due. Many nurses who were temporarily in Cape Town during the German West operations will testify to the pleasure that branch gave them and

to the excellent hostess Miss Nutt made. Speaking from a personal acquaintance, we know Miss Nutt as one who places the ideals of nursing first in her life, and whose interests are bound up in the profession in South Africa. She places South African nursing and all that affects it first in her activities, and, while congratulating her on the honour of being elected the acknowledged leader of the South African nursing profession, we recognise that she is getting nothing more than her honourable and distinguished career has entitled her to.

The trained nurses of the world are rapidly coming into line, and have now forceful National Associations in every quarter of the globe. We are looking forward to the South African Association taking its place in international co-operation with Europe, Asia and America at the next meeting of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen in 1918, if peace then reigns instead of war.



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First President, South African Nurses' Association.

WAR HOSPITAL, CRAW ROAD, PAISLEY.

Miss Helena K. Butler has been appointed Superintendent Sister; trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Miss Louie Atkinson has been appointed Night Sister—trained at Chester General Hospital; and the following have been appointed Charge Nurses: Miss K. M. Allan, General Hospital, Stafford; Miss Margaret Reilly, Down County Infirmary; Miss Helen Mason, St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; Miss Agnes M. Paton, Leith General Hospital; Miss Berta Maxwell, Dumfries Royal Infirmary; Miss Annie Mackay, Dundee Royal Infirmary; Miss Margaret Ballenline, Union Infirmary, Lurgan; and Miss Ada M. Corden, Union Infirmary, Nottingham.

LINCOLNSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Miss C. Norman has been appointed Health Visitor. She was trained at the Bermondsey Infirmary, has been Staff Nurse at the South Eastern Fever Hospital, and has also held positions as a Queen's Nurse.

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