

MISS MILDRED HEATHER-BIGG, R.R.C.

Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, is standing for election as a past Matron of a Metropolitan General Hospital, having held with distinction the position of Matron of Charing Cross Hospital from 1902-1919, before which time she had had a varied experience, having trained at University College Hospital, London, done district nursing in St. George's Parish, Camberwell, and been Sister at Charing Cross Hospital, Matron of Bromley Hospital, Kent, and Matron of Chelsea Hospital for Women.

Through the organisations of self-governing nurses with which she has allied herself, Miss Heather-Bigg has for many years worked to secure the State Registration of Nurses. She is President of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, a Vice-Chairman of the Royal British Nurses Association, a former President of the National Union of Trained Nurses, and the Hon. Secretary of the Paddington and Marylebone District Nursing Association. Her charming personality makes her a very popular member of the profession, while the consistent courage with which she has expressed her convictions on matters of principle has gained the respect of her colleagues.

Miss Heather-Bigg, if elected, will endeavour to uphold the principles incorporated in the Nurses' Registration Act, to secure for Nurses the right of Self-Government, to secure a prescribed Syllabus of Training, and a uniform standard of teaching in all training schools approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, to secure regulated hours of work, and adequate remuneration for nurses, to secure that Public appointments involving Women's and Children's welfare shall be given only to Registered Nurses.



MISS MILDRED HEATHER-BIGG, R.R.C.,
(Formerly Matron of Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.)
Consistent supporter of the movement for the
State Registration of Nurses.



MISS HELEN PEARSE,
Superintendent of School Nurses, London County
Council. Enthusiastic Nurse Educationist, and
Public Health Worker.

MISS HELEN L. PEARSE.

Miss Helen L. Pearse has had a long and varied career, enabling her to understand the needs, and consequently to represent the interests, of many sections of nurses. Her qualification for nomination as a candidate for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is that of past Matron of a Provincial General Hospital, as she has held the position of Superintendent of Nurses at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent. She was also, for several years, Matron of the Great Northern Central Hospital (now the Royal Northern) Hospital, Holloway Road, N.W. Her interest in nursing education, and great experience as a Public Health Worker would make her a very valuable member of the General Nursing Council. In 1907 she was appointed the first Superintendent of Nurses under the London County Council, and under her wise control the Service has prospered and developed until, at the present time there are over 300 nurses caring for the children in the L.C.C. schools helping to raise the standard of health, to prevent the development of disease, to alleviate and cure sickness where it exists, and to inculcate habits of cleanliness and self-respect which will influence the whole subsequent lives of the children.

Miss Pearse who, after some experience in the provinces, was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, states that her sole object, if elected, would be to work for the benefit of every Registered Nurse.

She would help to maintain a high standard of training, so that the Training Schools may attract women of education and intelligence.

She desires, further, to support the principle of self-government by the profession for the profession, believing that in this way economy in administration, and justice in discipline will be secured.

She is a great upholder of Internationalism in nursing.

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