

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

By MARGARET BREAY, REGISTERED NURSE.

MISS JESSIE F. BALLANTYNE, A.R.R.C.

Miss J. F. Ballantyne, whose qualification for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is that she is the Matron of a Metropolitan Poor Law Infirmary, was trained and certificated at Guy's Hospital, London, from 1893—1897. She then held successively the positions of Sister, Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Lewisham Infirmary until 1903, when she was appointed Matron of the Fulham Infirmary, a position which she still holds.

During the war the Fulham Infirmary was taken over by the War Office, and used as the Fulham Military Hospital, when Miss Ballantyne with the rank of Matron in Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve directed the nursing in the Military Hospital of 900 beds.

Miss Ballantyne is keenly interested in nursing education, and the training at Fulham ranks deservedly high. Until quite recently Miss Ballantyne has given the instruction to the probationers, now the First Assistant-Matron, who herself has been taught by Miss Ballantyne, has been appointed Sister-Tutor. The teaching is quite up to the standard of the Syllabus of the General Nursing Council, and the prospect of a State examination framed upon it has no terrors for the Matron of the Fulham Infirmary, so far as its probationers are concerned. She looks forward to it with equanimity. The Infirmary with its 500 beds affords excellent training facilities, and careful teaching accomplishes the rest.

Miss Ballantyne has for many years been associated with the movement for the State Registration of Nurses. She forms her own opinions, and fearlessly advocates principles of which she is conscientiously convinced. Her delightful personality and charm of manner attracts many friends, particularly in the Infirmary, where her interests are centred, and the efficiency and welfare of which are her constant aim.

MISS SUSAN MARIA MARSTERS.

Miss Susan Maria Marsters—whose special qualification for election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales is that she is directly employed in supervising Public Health Nursing, both under the London County Council, and under the Borough Councils of Paddington and St. Marylebone, and also in District Nursing—was trained for three years and certificated at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, after which, for three years, she held the position of Matron of the Mildenhall Cottage Hospital. In 1896 she was appointed Senior Nurse under the North London District Nursing Association, and, in 1900, Superintendent of the

Hampstead District Nursing Association. In January, 1903, she was admitted to the Roll of Queen's Nurses and in August of the same year was appointed Superintendent of the Paddington and St. Marylebone District Nursing Association, a position she has held with distinction ever since.

Miss Marsters holds both the Health Visitors' Certificate and the Sanitary Inspectors' Certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute, and is an Associate of that body. She also holds the special Tuberculosis certificate of the National Health Society.

As a Public Health and Social Worker she is a member of the Maternity and Child Welfare Committee of the Borough of Paddington, Mem-

ber of the Interim Tuberculosis Committee of the Borough of St. Marylebone, General Adviser to and on the Executive Committee of, the Paddington Infant Welfare Centre, subsidised by the Borough, Member of the Executive Committee of the St. Marylebone Infant Welfare Centre, Member of the Interim Tuberculosis Committee of the Borough of Paddington, School Manager, and Member of School Care Committees, and local Association of Care Committees, Member of the Council and Executive Committee of the Midwives Institute, Nurse Representative on the Council and Execu-



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Matron of the Fulham Infirmary, Hammersmith. A staunch State Registrationist who is deeply interested in the honourable recognition of Nursing in State Hospitals.

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