

MEMBERS OF NOTE.

Miss Bonser, F.B.C.N., S.R.N.

Miss L. Bonser, whose photograph we reproduce, has had a varied professional career. She was trained at Guy's Hospital and held the post of Sister there for three years. Later she worked in Cyprus, and became the Matron of the General Hospital, Nicosia; from there she went to Lahore to undertake some district work and subsequently she organised successfully a Nursing Home in Kasali. On giving up this work Miss Bonser was appointed Nursing Superintendent of the Lady Hardinge Medical College Hospital in Delhi, and there she had the pleasure of seeing very wide developments in her work; while she was there the hospital more than doubled its capacity by constantly adding fresh wings. Its Board of Management was fortunate in securing the services of Miss Bonser for, apart from personal qualities that fitted her well for such a position, she is a keen educationalist, and, chiefly through her influence, the probationers of the hospital sat each year for the Nursing Examinations of the North India Board of Examiners for Nurses; on one occasion a pupil from the Lady Hardinge Hospital held the first place in these Examinations. The midwifery pupils in the hospital take, besides its own certificate, that granted by the Punjab Central Midwives' Board.

In photographs of the Nursing Staff we are struck by the smart and very neat appearance of these Indian nurses, whether in the theatre, in the wards or in the recreation rooms of their Home. One photograph of a verandah ward is particularly attractive, showing groups of plump little Indian children with their dusky skin and black curls. Photographs of the ordinary wards give an idea of an abundance of space, very adequate provision for ventilation and very up-to-date contrivances to add to the patients' comfort.

The Lady Hardinge College Hospital is now the largest training school for Indian Nurses, and Miss Bonser must feel amply rewarded in recognising the results of the energy and enthusiasm which characterised her work there, especially when she reflects on what it must mean to the sick in many parts of India to have this splendid centre of nursing education for those who are to care for the sick of their own nation. She it was who established the precedent of taking only probationers who were well educated, and this, indirectly, must add greatly to the status of the hospital as a Nursing School.

Miss Bonser has long been a convinced Registrationist and is very interested in the organisation of the profession in India; on this account we regret that she has decided not to return to the Hospital when her furlough is ended. This decision will be greatly regretted by those responsible for the management of the hospital and by the staff for, apart from possessing high efficiency and enthusiasm for her work, Miss Bonser is unusually popular among her

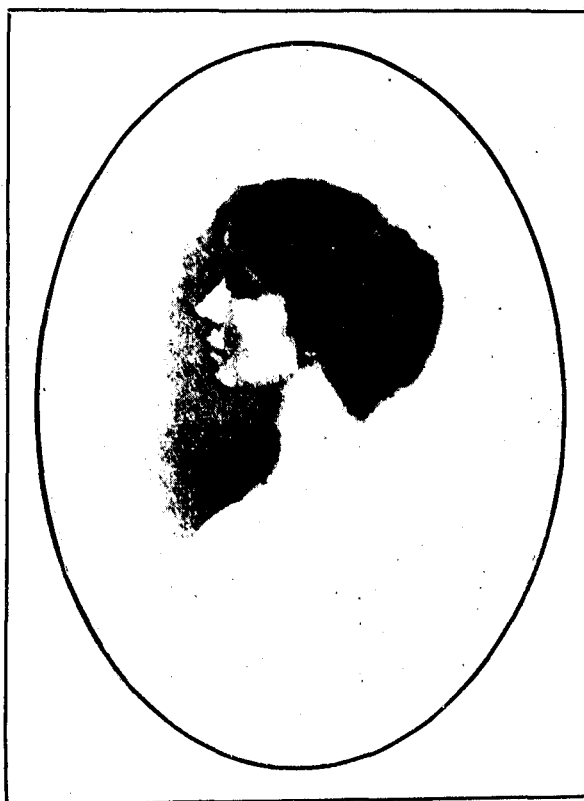
colleagues and among those who work under her. She is well read, a good conversationalist, and it has been remarked that few people rejoice in a wider circle of friendships; one colleague, speaking of certain aspects of Miss Bonser's work, said that she had met no nurse who displayed such exactitude or such daintiness in connection with the details of nursing.

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