

that she resigned her position as President of the Society, owing to her inability to attend meetings and to do even the minimum amount of work which the Society is entitled to receive from its President.

Miss Mollett said that the Society would receive Miss Stevenson's resignation with the deepest regret. All who had come in contact with her could not fail to be struck by her sense of duty, her kindness, and her interest in the State Registration Cause.

It was now her pleasant duty to propose, as the new President, Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, one who took the keenest interest in the work of the Society, who was a good fighter, a good worker, and thoroughly popular with the members. For twenty years she had worked with Miss Stewart on various nursing societies, and one could not wish for a better chief or a better comrade. She had great pleasure in proposing Miss Stewart as the new President.

Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., said she had much pleasure in seconding Miss Mollett's proposal. Miss Breaey, in supporting it, said that before a ship got safely into harbour it generally had to encounter foul as well as fair weather. It was the same with causes before they attained final success, and causes had fair weather as well as foul weather friends. When we looked for the former in some crisis when their help was needed, there was always some very good reason why they should not be there. Miss Stewart was one of the friends who stood by the Registration Cause in storm as well as in fair weather. Miss Breaey said that those present knew her ability, they respected, honoured, and trusted her, and it was with the very greatest pleasure that she supported the proposition that Miss Stewart should be elected President of the Society.

Mrs. Fenwick then said that she had received a letter from Miss Louisa Stevenson, expressing the opinion that no better nomination could have been made, all the more so that Miss Stewart was a trained nurse.

Miss E. S. Haldane, Chairman of the Scottish Registration Committee, also wrote saying that the only thing which reconciled her to the change was that she felt the Society should be as much as possible professional. The lay element was doubtless necessary at first, but the ideal was that nurses should carry on their own business, and elect their own officers.

Miss Stewart's election as President was then carried unanimously with acclamation.

Miss Sidney Browne then proposed Miss M. Huxley, late President of the Irish Nurses' Association, as Senior Vice-President, an office

hitherto held by Miss Stewart. Miss Huxley had, Miss Browne said, done so very much for Ireland. This was also carried unanimously. Miss Isla Stewart, who was warmly applauded, said that it was a great pleasure to her to accept office, but she felt it would be very difficult to follow Miss Stevenson. Miss Mollett and Miss Breaey had spoken of her as a good fighter. She had always thought she wasn't, nevertheless, she could say that if a fight was on she was always there.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The next business before the meeting was the election of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

The Hon. Secretary announced that Miss Pauline Peter, and Miss E. M. Roberts did not desire re-election owing to their inability to attend meetings.

The following Executive was then elected for the ensuing year, on the proposition of Miss Isla Stewart, seconded by Mrs. Bridges, the new members being: Miss Sidney Browne, Miss M. Jones, Miss Forrest, and Miss Irene Sumner:—

- Miss Isla Stewart, Miss M. Huxley, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, *ex-officio*.
- Miss Ross, delegate, Matrons' Council.
- Mrs. Shuter, delegate, St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League.
- Miss Laura Baker, delegate, St. John's House Nurses' League.
- Miss S. Cartwright, delegate, Registered Nurses' Society.
- Miss J. A. Smith, President, Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League.
- Miss Heather-Bigg, Matron, Charing Cross Hospital.
- Miss Cox-Davies, Matron, Royal Free Hospital.
- Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., late Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.
- Miss H. L. Pearse, Superintendent of School Nurses, under the London County Council.
- Miss Barton, President, Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League.
- Miss Marquardt, Matron, Camberwell Infirmary.
- Miss Helen Todd, Matron, Wandsworth Infirmary.
- Miss Mollett, President, Royal South Hants Nurses' League.
- Miss Christina Forrest, President, Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League.
- Miss M. Jones, President, General Hospital, Birmingham Nurses' League.
- Miss Irene Sumner, delegate, Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League.

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