

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

It was a very happy party which left London on Saturday morning, July 16th, *en route* for Birmingham, to attend the quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council, including

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Heather-Bigg, Miss Mollett (Hon. Sec.), Mrs. Walter Spencer (Hon. Treasurer), Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss M. Breay, and others.

As special carriages had been reserved for the members of the Council, they lunched merrily as the non-stop train sped on its way through the rich midland country.

Arrived at the General Hospital, Birmingham, they were warmly welcomed by the Matron, Miss Musson, and found in the beautiful Board Room, kindly placed at their disposal by the Governors,

colleagues not only from Birmingham, but from Wigan, Leicester, Northampton, Kidderminster, Leamington, and other Midland centres. Bowls of roses and pink and white sweet peas gave the room a very festive appearance, and many portraits of celebrities connected with the hospital hung on

its walls, the most noticeable that of Dr. John Ash, F.R.S., Founder of the Hospital, and who was appointed Physician in 1779, painted by Sir Joshua Reynolds.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Miss Musson took the chair at the meeting of the Matrons' Council. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the

correspondence dealt with. Miss Mollett reported over forty letters of regret from members who were unable to be present, and read a letter of regret and sympathy from Miss Emily Janes on behalf of the Public Health Sectional Committee of the N. U. W. W., on the loss sustained by the Council by the death of its late President, and from the Hon. Secretaries of the American Society of Training Schools for Nurses, and the Nurses' Associated Alumnae, acknowledging letters of condolence from the Council on the death of Mrs. Hampton Robb.

The next business was the election of a President, and the report of the Sub-Committee appointed to deal with the question was read.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in accordance with the recommendation of that Committee, proposed the election of Miss Heather-Bigg, Matron of Charing Cross Hospital. The Sub-



Miss MILDRED HEATHER-BIGG.

President of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

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