

MISS ANNIE E. HULME.

Miss Annie E. Hulme, the recently appointed Hon. Secretary to the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, is well known to a very wide circle of nursing friends for her keen interest in all which concerns their welfare, her high professional ideals, and for her personal charm and kindness, and we feel sure that every member of the Council is to be congratulated that the honorary duties associated with the office have been undertaken by a lady whose life has hitherto been devoted to nursing and the care of nurses. Miss Hulme has expressed herself as very diffident of following in the footsteps of Miss M. Breay and Miss Mollett, who have for sixteen years guided the destinies of the Matrons' Council—the former for twelve strenuous fighting years, when it stood alone as a trained Matrons' organization in this country for all the fundamentals which make life worth living; the latter for the past four years, during which time the Council has realised the pleasure of seeing its policy adopted by various organizations of nurses, and the great professional principles for which in the past it stood firm through good and evil repute, accepted as the principles upon which the nurses of the world have founded their National Associations, and through which they are working out their own salvation, with marvellous unanimity of thought and sympathy.

Miss Hulme, after training, held the positions of Out-patient Sister at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. She was also ward sister at the National Hospital, Queen Square, W.C. For four years she was Lady Superintendent at the Institution for Nursing Sisters, Devonshire Square, E.C., founded by Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, and later she organized very successfully the Nurses' Lodge, Colosseum Terrace, N.W., as a residential Home for

trained nurses, which institution, under her sympathetic personal supervision for seven years, attained a high reputation for comfort and good management, and is still carried on by her successors on the same generous lines.

Miss Hulme has now retired from active professional work, and the Matrons' Council is to be congratulated that some of her spare time is to be devoted to its interests. "I am strongly in favour of State Registration of Nurses," said Miss Hulme in reply to our question as to her profession of faith. "I feel certain," she added, "that recognition by the State will inculcate in Nurses self-respect and a just pride in their work, and from this basis will spring anew high ideals of social service. Also ideal

service given to the minds and bodies of those to whom they minister, also co-operation and a spirit of Christian charity tendered to those with whom they work, and a spirit of loyalty and devotion to the State that recognises and protects their honoured profession." In these convictions all good members of the Council are in accord.



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flames could be extinguished, that her life was sacrificed. The profession of which Elizabeth Passey was so worthy a member, will mourn her loss sincerely.

Many old friends will be deeply grieved to hear of the death of Miss Dorothy Bell, late Sister of the Temperance Hospital, London. She contracted enteric fever in Nice, and died there at the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital on January 10th. Last year Miss Bell took holiday duty for the Matron of Archer House, Ramsgate, an office which she most ably fulfilled, and endeared herself to the many nurses with whom she came into contact.

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