

## FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### A REGISTERED NURSE PRESIDENT.

Miss A. Stewart Bryson (Registered Nurse), Matron of the Northern Hospital, Winchmore Hill, N.21, has been appointed President of the Fever Nurses' Association, an announcement which will be received with great pleasure, not only by members of the F.N.A., but by many of Miss Bryson's colleagues in the nursing world.

Miss Bryson has been a member of the Council of the Association since it was first formed in 1908, and for some years has also had a seat on its Executive, and its Educational Committees. She is at present Hon. Secretary of the Association, and will hold office as President for the year 1923-1924.

Miss Bryson is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and has served as a member of its Council. She is a member of the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, which recently formed a Fever Nurses Section, of which Miss M. Drakard, a former President of the F.N.A., was appointed Chairman, and Miss Bryson Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Her personality is a great asset in any position of influence, for she has not only great charm of manner, but is a forceful and courageous supporter of principles in which she believes.

We congratulate the Fever Nurses' Association on selecting a Registered Nurse as President.

## FURTHER CANDIDATES FOR THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

Miss Isabel Macdonald, Member General Nursing Council, Secretary Royal British Nurses' Association, has consented to stand for election as a General Nurses' Independent candidate.

Miss Maud E. Wiese, Claybury Mental Hospital, Woodford Bridge, Essex, has been nominated to stand for election as the Female Mental Nurse representative as an Independent Candidate. Miss Wiese is Chief Charge Nurse of an Infirmity Ward at Claybury. She holds the certificate of the Medico-Psychological Association, and has had experience in nursing both male and female patients during a period of nine years. As Chief Charge Nurse of an Infirmity Ward she is partly responsible for the training of Probationer Nurses.

Mr. Frederick W. Stratton, Registered Male Nurse of the Hackney Union Infirmity, will also be included in the group of Independent nominees.

Miss Webster, Superintendent of School Nurses, Leeds, has been selected as a candidate by the Bradford Royal Infirmity Nurses' League.

Mrs. Watson (*née* Tait) (cert. Royal Infirmity, Sheffield), 426, Glossop Road, Sheffield, has been selected by the Sheffield Branch of the College of Nursing, Ltd.

Mr. Robert Donaldson, Manager of the Male Nurses Temperance Corporation, Ltd., and the Mental Nurses' Association, Ltd., 8, Hinde Street, Manchester Square, W., is standing as a candidate for election as a representative of Male Mental Nurses.

## THE PUBLIC MEETING

### IN SUPPORT OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

There was a very full room and an enthusiastic audience at the meeting held on Thursday, November 2nd, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., to support the candidature of a number of Independent Candidates for election as direct representatives of the nurses to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

Councillor Beatrice Kent presided, and in her opening remarks said that those present met on a very auspicious occasion, an occasion looked for, longed for, and worked for. The hour had struck, and we saw the fruition of our hopes, but it was not without alloy. When the Nurses' Registration Bill was passed into law in December, 1919, the first Council of 25 persons was a nominated one. Of the 25, 16 members of the Nursing Profession were nominated by Dr. Addison, then Minister of Health. That would have been a very fair representation had all gone well; but the majority of the members had shown an astonishing lack of knowledge and responsibility, and things had been done, and had been left undone, which were amazing.

The Council had, for instance, repudiated a clause in the Act itself. It had altered a Rule to suit and satisfy petty reasons. It had indulged in reckless expenditure, and spent money extravagantly. It had insultingly ignored the wishes, rights and opinions of the minority.

There were six members of the Council soon to go out of office—five women and one man—who were respected for their singleness of purpose, courage, sense of responsibility, and recognition of their duty to the whole body of nurses. They had saved the nurses from more than one professional injury proposed in the interests of a clique, not of the whole body of nurses. They had been acquainted with these facts through *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*; therefore, they knew they were true, because that Journal always spoke the truth. But the Council was an expiring Council, shortly going out of office, and they were now going to hear what the Independent Candidates for election had to say. They were standing not in the interests of any society or clique, but of the whole Nursing Profession.

Those who would address them as candidates for election to the new General Nursing Council were: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Susan A. Villiers, Miss E. Maude MacCallum, members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales; Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, R.R.C.; Miss Helen Pearse; and Miss S. M. Marsters.

### Correspondence.

The Chairman also announced letters of regret at inability to be present from Miss A. Cattell member of the present General Nursing Council (standing as an Independent Candidate in the

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