

Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association. In expressing her own as well as Mrs. Fenwick's regret at Miss Heather-Bigg's resignation, Miss Breay said she had never thought of what was expedient but only of what was right; she never hedged, and she never compromised; she was perfectly honourable, outspoken and courteous, loyal to her principles and her friends. Her successor would have a great deal to live up to in succeeding two such Presidents as the late Miss Isla Stewart and Miss Heather-Bigg, but she did not doubt she would justify her election.

MESSAGE OF CONDOLENCE TO THE KING AND QUEEN.

The President then rose and proposed from the Chair that a message of condolence should be sent by the Council to their Majesties the King and Queen on the loss they had sustained by the death of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, who always took so active an interest in the promotion of the Nurses' Registration Acts and in the Nursing profession.

This was seconded by Miss S. M. Marsters and carried in silence.

VOTE OF THANKS TO MAJOR BARNETT.

The President then said that she was sure one and all would wish to thank Major Barnett for the splendid way in which he had supported the true interests of nurses in the House of Commons. He had the courage of his convictions and stuck to his guns and sincere thanks were due to him. This was seconded by Miss Elma Smith, and carried by acclamation.

MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last meeting, held at Tottenham, were read by Miss A. E. Hulme, Hon. Secretary, and confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A letter was read from Miss Holmes (Guildford) expressing her regret at not attending the meeting. She had endeavoured to obtain permission from her medical attendant, but failed to do so, and had been ordered into a Home for treatment. It was decided to send her a message of sympathy from the Council.

Miss C. A. Little (Hull) wrote suggesting that

a letter of protest should be sent to the Labour Conference in session at the Queen's Hall, on the Labour vote in support of Major Chapple's motion in the House of Commons on June 13th to present an address to the King in Council to modify Rule 9 of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, the effect of which modification would be to admit persons without any hospital training to the Register of Nurses.

It was unanimously agreed to instruct the Hon. Secretary to send a letter to the Labour Conference in accordance with Miss Little's suggestion.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Applications for membership were then considered and approved.

REPRESENTATIVES AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE N.C.W.

Miss Kathleen Smith and Miss Muriel consented to represent the Council at the Annual Conference of the National Council of Women in Edinburgh in October, and the hope was expressed that Miss Steuart Donaldson would act as the third representative.

THE NEW PRESIDENT.

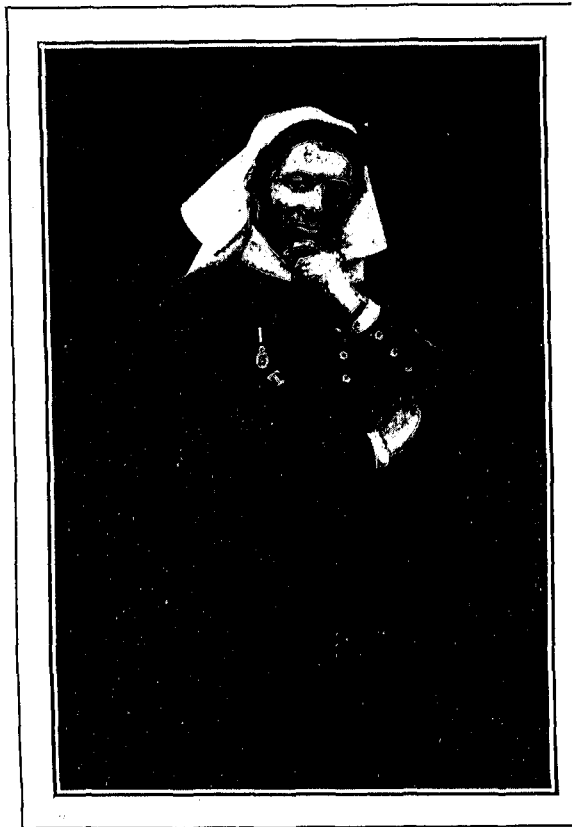
Miss Heather-Bigg then said she had pleasure in proposing from the chair the election of Miss Kathleen A. Smith, Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, as her successor in office. She thought that if elected she would capably represent it. She had had wide experience in civil and military hospitals, and as Matron of a Training School. She believed Miss Smith would develop its activities and be staunch to its standards. She was

sure the Council would give her a most hearty welcome when she presided at its next meeting. The proposal was carried by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS.

Under other business, Miss G. Lord reported the result of the Special Council Meeting of the National Council of Women, held at Caxton Hall on June 15th, to consider the following Resolution:—

"That the National Council of Women



MISS KATHLEEN A. SMITH, S.R.N., R.R.C.
The New President of the Matrons' Council.

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