

THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

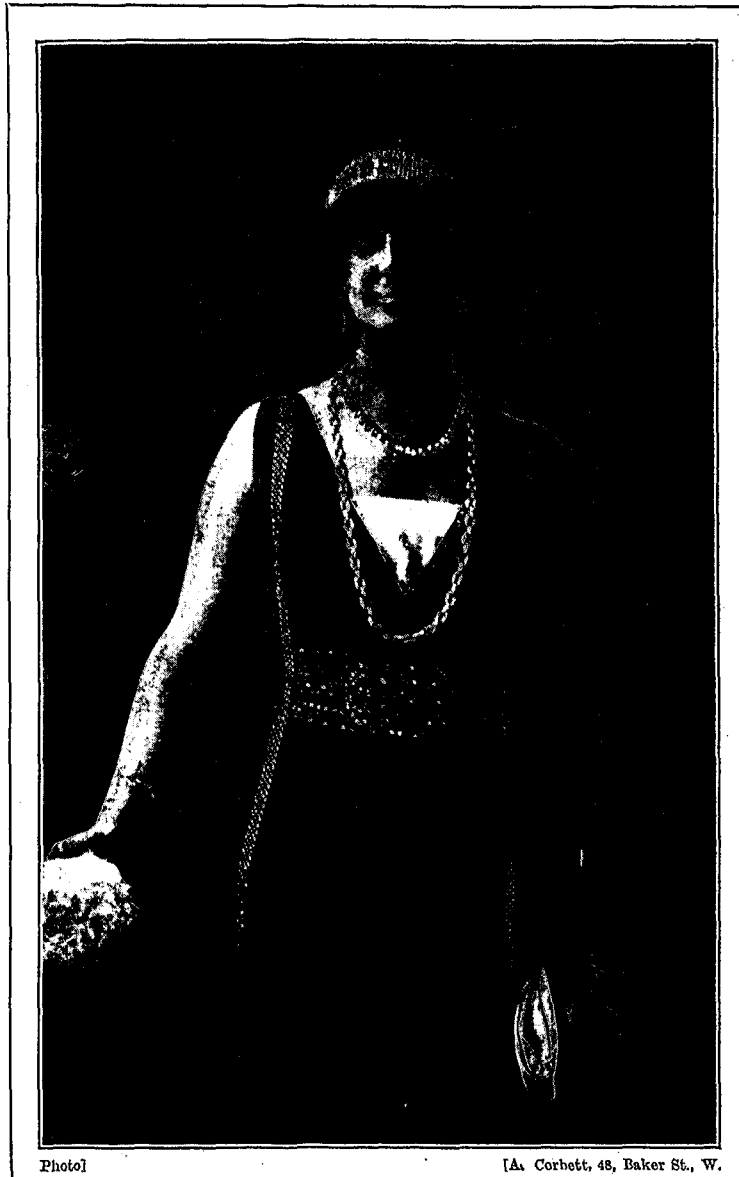
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT, DUCHESS OF FIFE, S.R.N.

At a large Meeting of the General Council held on the 3rd inst., Her Royal Highness, the Princess Arthur of Connaught, S.R.N., was unanimously appointed President of the Royal British Nurses' Association. It was the wish of many Members of the Association that at least six months should elapse after the death of our late beloved President, Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, before any steps be taken to appoint a new President. During the last few weeks Members of the Executive Committee, whose duty it is to send up the nomination to the Council for the Presidency, have been considering the matter, and, from the first, it has been apparent that Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur was likely to be invited to accept the Presidency.

Princess Alexandra Victoria Alberta Edwina Louise is the elder daughter of the Princess Royal and of the late Duke of Fife. She is Duchess of Fife in her own right. In 1915 she married Prince Arthur of Connaught and has one little son — Alastair Arthur Duff, Earl of MacDuff and heir to the Dukedom of Fife. Her Royal Highness is the only Member of the Royal Family who is a State Registered Nurse, and she has been a Vice-President of the Association for several years. She takes an enthusiastic and practical interest in nursing, and took her training at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Later she worked for some years at Queen Charlotte's Hospital (where she took her midwifery training) and at the Samaritan Free Hospital. While in South Africa, in spite of the numerous duties which fall to the lot of the wife of a Governor-

General, Her Royal Highness found time to take an interest in matters relating to nursing there, and to acquaint herself with the work of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

The Members have received the news of the election of Her Royal Highness to the Presidency with many expressions of sincere gratification. It will prove no easy thing to follow H.R.H. the late Princess Christian, for not only had she won for herself the strongest and most loyal affection of the Members, but she had such wide experience of nursing organisation and such clear understanding of the nurses' aspirations in this direction; they always felt assured of her co-operation in everything their Association found it good to undertake; while in the difficult and troubled years which preceded the passage of the Nurses' Registration Acts Her Royal Highness never failed in her sympathy with the nurses' efforts to win legal status for their profession. She took a large part in building up the traditions of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and it is a great happiness to know that Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught has already given proof, while she was our Vice-President, that she is warmly in sympathy with the nurses, deeply interested in their work, and will uphold the traditions of the great office in our Association which she has



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been called upon to fill.

And so, through our official organ, we offer to Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur the sincere good wishes of all Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and their warm thanks for the honour she has conferred upon their Association by accepting the Presidency. Her Royal Highness has a very gracious and charming personality, and we can confidently predict that she will win the affection of the nurses. The

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