

**DR. KENNETH STEWART.**

It was with sincere regret that the Executive Committee received, at a recent meeting, notice of the intention of Dr. Kenneth Stewart to resign from the Treasurership of the Association. He has held this office since 1918, and our regret on his resignation is the greater owing to the fact that it arises from ill-health. Dr. Stewart hands over the finances of the Association in an infinitely more healthy condition than that in which he received them from his predecessor, which must be a source of gratification to him as it is to us. But not only has he shown great kindness, care and integrity in relation to his office, but we have always been conscious also of his sympathy towards the aspirations of the nurses for professional development and, at the time of the historic struggle for the establishment of the Registration Acts, he took much trouble to enlighten friends in both Houses of Parliament on the principles which the Central Committee and its constituent societies (of which the Royal British Nurses' Association was one) regarded as fundamental to a justly constituted Act for the Registration of Nurses by the State. We offer to Dr. Stewart our most sincere good wishes that he may soon recover.

**THE NEW HON. TREASURER OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION**

At the last Meeting of the General Council the name sent forward from the Executive Committee as its nomination for the office of Hon. Treasurer to the Corporation was that of Miss Norah Farrant and she was duly elected to this office by the unanimous vote of the Council. The election is a notable one for it places in this very important office, for the first time, a State Registered Nurse. Dr. Kenneth Stewart was Treasurer for some sixteen years and, although he himself held the view that it ought to be filled by a nurse, he repeatedly yielded to the wishes of the Council that he should continue in office.

Miss Farrant holds the Certificate of the London Hospital and the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board. She has just retired from the important appointment of Inspector (Queen's Institute of District Nursing) of the County Nursing Associations throughout England; her experience in connection with administration and organisation has therefore been very wide. But Miss Farrant has by no means confined her interests and activities to merely personal aspects of her professional work. She has felt that she owed something also to the development of

Nursing and to its organisation on professional lines. Her views on any matter of professional policy invariably indicate clear thinking and a sense of personal responsibility. Self-interest, a desire for popularity, or lack of courage to cast in her lot with a minority, these have had no part at any time in her choice of policy, and her appointment will give especial pleasure to many of our Members who remember her share in the work of the National Union of Trained Nurses which played its part so splendidly in the united struggle of the Societies, represented in the Central Committee, to attain a just measure for the establishment of the State Register. Altogether the Council feel that the appointment of Miss Farrant to the Treasurership is one that will give confidence to the Members that the money which

they so generously subscribe at all times and, in particular, to our benevolent funds, is being administered with judgment and discretion.

Miss Farrant's policy in this direction may be indicated by her remarks when speaking on the Annual Financial Reports at the General Meeting prior to her election to the office of Treasurer:—

"It is exceedingly satisfactory that there is a balance on the right side. I am rather inclined to congratulate the Members that it is a small one for the accounts, as I have studied them, indicate that the balance is small because a great deal has been done and there is evidence in the long statement of accounts that the income of the Association has been directed towards the benefit of its Members while at the same time the principle of keeping within its income has been maintained." The point of view, which these sentences serve to indicate, is one we think that will appeal to our Members.

To conclude we offer to the first Nurse Hon. Treasurer of the Royal British Nurses' Association all our good wishes that her term of office may be a long one and that the finances of the Corporation

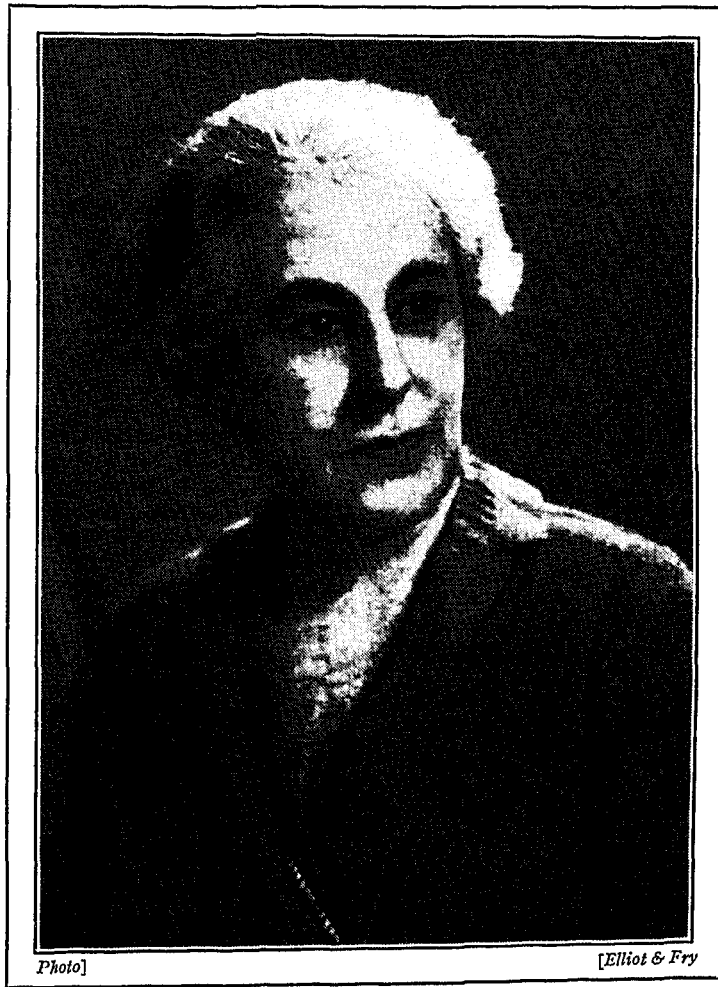
may prosper under her Treasurership.

**OBITUARY.**

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Edith M. Ayers, who joined the Association in 1898. She held the certificate of the Devon and Exeter Hospital, and during the years subsequent to this, while she was Assistant Matron at Ottershaw Fever Hospital, she took a great interest in the Association and served once, for a term of years, on its Council.

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**MISS NORAH FARRANT**

Hon. Treasurer, Royal British Nurses' Association

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