Dear Mr Editor,

At our committee meeting last night the members were very grieved at the report that our President’s wife had passed away.

Everyone who met Mrs Bretherton was impressed with her kindness, charm and understanding, and we in the Midland Section know how wholeheartedly she supported our President in the work he did for us. We shall miss her company very much.

George Hart, Harry Drewitt, with myself and my wife, were at the funeral service, and there were between 80 and 90 more in the church, to pay their last respects to a great lady. The vicar, in his address, paid tribute to her many qualities, and his words of comfort to the bereaved made a great impression on me.

Amongst the congregation was a contingent of the W.V.S., which reminded me of another of the voluntary jobs Mrs Bretherton did. She drove one of the heavy vehicles in the emergency food convoys when we were on Civil Defence exercises just after the war. They were there to provide us with a meal.

I am sure everyone in the association will wish our President the strength to bear his great loss, and that we shall continue to have his interest and guidance for many years.

Yours sincerely,

F. Cashmore.