

357, Oxford Street, is also excellent. It is furnished with seven bottles, each bottle being provided with a red rubber-valved cap. The bottles are filled up to the shoulder, and covered with the caps. They are thus placed in cold or warm water, and brought to the boiling point. The milk is then kept boiling for forty minutes, at the end of which time it is put aside in a cool place for future use.

Another steriliser shown by Messrs. Ayward is also admirable for the same purpose.

Royal British Nurses' Association. (Incorporated by Royal Charter.)



THE Annual Meeting will take place on July 22nd, in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, at 12 noon. The meeting will be opened at 11.30 for the appointment of scrutineers to examine the ballot papers.

Luncheon will be served in the Banqueting Hall, St. James's

Hall, Piccadilly, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets, price 2s. each.

Stafford House and Grosvenor House will be open to members from 3 to 5.

Tea will be served from 4 to 7 at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Langton, 62, Harley Street, W.

The decision to hold the Annual Meeting of the Association in London two years in succession was made against the wishes of those who know that if the Association is to continue to be a National Association, it cannot afford to work on the narrow Metropolitan lines which have been adopted by the present officials. It is sincerely to be regretted that no invitation was received from any important provincial town this year, as was formerly the case, to hold the Annual Meeting in that town. That, instead of being publicly welcomed and entertained, as at Cambridge, Birmingham, Lincoln, Brighton, and Oxford, the Association should find no one willing to entertain it but one of its own officials, is the latest evidence of its decadence, and a fall the significance of which no one can misunderstand or minimise.

Appointment.

MISS E. E. SIMMONDS has been appointed Matron of St. Mary's Day Nursery and Hospital for Sick Children, Plaistow, E. She was trained at King's College Hospital, and has for the last seven years held the position of Sister at the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, so that she is eminently fitted for her new position.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

(The first Co-operation of Chartered Nurses.)



A MEETING of the Executive Committee took place on Tuesday, June 16th, at 20, Upper Wimpole Street. A most satisfactory report was received, all the members on that day being engaged. New candidates were elected on probation. The Committee was augmented to twelve

members—six medical men and six Matrons.

It was decided to hold the Annual Meeting at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7th, when the audited accounts will be submitted and the Hon. Superintendent will present a report of the past year's work and make some suggestions for the future organization of the Society, which she hopes will be beneficial to the members.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Hon. Superintendent for defraying the expenses of the *Conversazione* held at St. Martin's Town Hall on Saturday, June 6th, when the members had the pleasure of receiving 300 guests. It is hoped on a future occasion to combine the Annual Meeting and *Conversazione*.

The Rose Fete.

JUNE, the month of Roses, is an appropriate time for the holding of such a Flower Show and Bazaar as was opened on Tuesday last, at Queen's Hall, Langham Place, in aid of the North Eastern Hospital for Children. The Hall was beautifully decorated, and lovely prize roses were on show in the grand circle.

On the entrance of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, at 3 p.m., Mdme. Alice Gomez sang a verse of the National Anthem.

The Duchess of Connaught, who was dressed very simply in black and grey, was presented with a shower bouquet, after which she received purses from a procession of small boys and girls, whose first introduction to Royalty, and the Court ceremonial pertaining thereto, caused much amusement.

Some of the little ones were so nervous that they passed the Duchess, quite forgetting to deliver up the purses, which they held tightly clutched in small hands. Others were under the impression that the largest lady on the platform *must* be Royalty, and to her they made their offerings. The elaborate bows of some of the boys—in many cases performed twice, through pure nervousness—created much amusement.

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