

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THE CONFERENCE.

Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, its affiliated Societies and others are reminded of the Conference which is to be held on November 7th, at 3 p.m., at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W.1.

No speakers with a more comprehensive understanding of the subjects before the Conference could have been found than those which the Association has secured for its platform, and the Council cordially invite all trained nurses to attend, and to share, if they care to, in the discussion on problems which vitally concern their future prospects.

MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Quarterly Meeting of the General Council was held on 24th ult. Mrs. Campbell Thomson, and later Dr. Kenneth Stewart, occupied the Chair. The Report sent up from the Executive Committee was read, dealing with the arrangements for the Conference and other matters relating to the work of the Consultative Committee, the Central Committee, and the Registration Board. The Treasurer's Reports for the Quarter were also laid before the Meeting.

A Resolution was passed expressing the regret of the Council on learning of the illness of Her Highness the Princess Victoria, and asking Her Royal Highness the President to be graciously pleased to convey to the Princess their hope that she might have a speedy recovery.

The death of Dr. Biernacki was reported, and a Resolution was passed placing on record the appreciation of the Council of his whole-hearted efforts to promote the interests of all trained nurses, and of sympathy with his relatives.

Miss Helen Todd was elected to fill a casual vacancy on the General Council.

Certain amendments were made on the Rules governing admission to the Princess Christian Settlement Home, and questions relating to the amending Bill of the Midwives Act and other matters were discussed.

SOME R.B.N.A. MEMBERS "AT HOME."

On learning of the affiliation of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund with the Benevolent Funds of their own Association a number of R.B.N.A.

nurses decided to entertain, at 10, Orchard Street, the Members of the three Funds. Invitations were promptly sent out, but as (particularly in the case of the first-mentioned Fund) large numbers of the Members lived at a distance, a difficulty presented itself as to how people, living in the three parts of the United Kingdom, could join in a "tea party" in London. The problem was solved by mentioning in the invitations that if, as was probable, those at a distance could not come to town, cakes, &c., would be forwarded, which were to be eaten at the same time as that at which the London Members gathered at 10, Orchard Street. A few nurses therefore met during their off-duty time on Saturday morning, packed and posted their boxes. Just as they were doing so a box arrived for themselves, which, when opened, was found to contain lovely country chrysanthemums from the oldest of the T.N.A.F. Annuityants. They were sent with a view to decorating the nurses' tea tables, but, as one nurse remarked, "They seemed to come like beautiful, friendly thoughts, from one who had given a long life to the service of others, for those who had taken up her work when she laid it down."

It gave to the nurses, and particularly the R.B.N.A. Members, no small amount of pleasure when the Chairman of the Annuity Fund and Mrs. Price accepted their invitation and came in, in the course of the afternoon.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Royal British Nurses' Association and of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, personally telephoned a message to the nurses giving them her remembrances and expressing her hope that they were enjoying themselves. This gave much pleasure, and one nurse, who said that she was now over eighty years of age, in a happy little speech moved that the thanks of the Members of the Benevolent Schemes be sent to Her Royal Highness, with assurances of their loyalty to her person. (This Resolution was telegraphed to Her Royal Highness from the office.) This Member also said how much it pleased them all to meet Mr. Price, the Chairman of the affiliated Funds, and thanked him warmly for his kindness to nurses. Next, on behalf of all the guests, she thanked the hostesses of the afternoon. She was one of the earliest Members of the R.B.N.A., and it gave her great pleasure to welcome the Members of the affiliated Funds to the first of their meetings

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