

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## HOLIDAYS.

In connection with meetings which have taken place recently we have received many letters of apology for non-attendance which have served to remind us that the holiday season has now arrived and we take this opportunity to wish all our members a very happy holiday and hope that all may return with fresh strength for the work of another year. The months which have passed since the last summer holidays have been strenuous ones for the nurses' organisations, but we look back with a great degree of satisfaction on what has been accomplished. We trust to our members, in the time that is coming, to do what lies in their power to strengthen the Association by making its aims and purposes as widely known as possible among their fellow workers and thereby increasing its membership. As the last of our meetings for the summer will shortly be over, nurses who wish to join the Association should forward their applications to the Secretary at once. Only those nurses who possess a certificate of three years' General Training are eligible for membership and the application must be made on a prescribed form which can be obtained from the Secretary, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. We remind all members who have books from the Library that those should be returned before August 1st.

## THE PRINCE OF WALES HOSPITAL EN FÊTE.

At the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, despite dull weather, the Fête on July 1st organised by the Ladies' Association for the Samaritan Fund and Convalescent Home, was well attended and a great success.

The Hon. Lady Murray opened the fête, afterwards making many purchases at the stalls and going round the wards.

The Duchess of Wellington also spent a considerable time chatting with patients in the various wards and making a tour of the grounds, where there were various amusements—a Badminton tournament, coconut shies, donkey rides and refreshment tents fitted with electric urns supplying the unusual luxury of really hot tea out of doors.

The Bazaar was in Morley Ward (just vacated by its patients for the annual cleaning). The stalls were decorated in black and white, Corinthian columns on either side supporting a frieze of stencilled farm favourites, such as ducks, pigs, cats and rabbits, coloured gas balloons floated up from the stalls, and a large flower stall at the end of the ward, together with the innumerable pretty articles for sale, made a charming picture.

The balcony was decorated with foxgloves and fern leaves, the lawns and trees beyond being at their greenest, contributed to the general feeling of enjoyment. In the evening the threatening clouds burst, so that the extensive electric lighting of the gardens, which had been prepared was not even switched on for a moment. Instead of dancing on the Directors' Lawn, several stalls were quickly cleared away, and the dancers appeared quite happy in the ward.

Refreshments were transferred from the tents to the Lecture Hall.

Among the prizes for Badminton were a salmon and a tongue, both of which were presented by their winners (who had previously shown their sporting worth by finishing the tournament in the rain) to the Matron for the nursing staff.

Other prizes were a wedding cake, suit-case, tea service, tobacco pouch, linen handkerchiefs, chocolates.

One of the Sisters was awarded a box of handkerchiefs for having been the first to dispose of and send in a book of Limericks. The prize-winner for the Limerick will be declared on 9th inst.; the prize is a young live pig.

## GUILD OF HEALTH.

"ALL NURSES ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO A SPECIAL MEETING."

To which cordial invitation I gladly responded, for I had long wished to know more about, and identify myself with, this great spiritual cause. One of the smaller rooms of the Caxton Hall was well filled on Thursday, June 24th, at 8 p.m. Dr. Jane Walker presided.

The supremacy of the spiritual life in man is what the Guild of Health stands for, and its main objects are fourfold, namely, (1) The study of the influence of spiritual upon physical well-being;

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