

appointments. The deaths of Miss Alice McGregor and Miss Adelaide Ringwood are reported with regret.

The Branch Association decided to follow the precedent made by the parent Association and closed its own Register on the establishment of the State Register so that it simply maintains a Roll of Members, as we do at the London Headquarters.

The Club continues to be used by many nurses, and the private staff, owing to the shortage of nurses, have been able to meet rather less than half the calls made upon it.

STATE REGISTRATION.

The work of framing the Rules and Regulations under the Act for South Australia goes on slowly, and it is found that these demand great care and consideration in order to ensure that the State Register shall be established on sound and just foundations. The Board of Examiners had not been appointed when our latest information, in connection with State Registration, was received. We learn that the A.T.N.A. wished the Council to take over their Board of Examiners, but the Council wisely decided that it would be unwise to allow any outside body to share in the work of a Statutory Council. Nurses in South Australia were firmly opposed to any risks of interference or control from any outside body with their governing Council, no matter how efficiently that body might have conducted its own examinations. We congratulate the Council upon their decision, for such interference would inevitably prove prejudicial to the interests of the State Register and would lead to unceasing friction in the future.

VICTORIA HOUSE AND NURSES' HOME, ALEXANDRIA.

We are asked by Miss J. Wells, Lady Superintendent of the Victoria House and Nurses' Home, Alexandria, to intimate that the Institution is again being used as a Home for governesses and trained nurses to whom it has proved a very great benefit. It was taken over by the Y.W.C.A. during the War and used to help soldiers abroad.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEA.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—It was a happy inspiration of yours to put a notice into the B.J.N. asking members of the R.B.N.A. to notify you if they intended to dine at the Club on Christmas Day. Thanks to the notice I was able to spend one of the happiest days at the R.B.N.A. Club and to bring another "Overseas," who would have been alone, as she was only passing through London. The word "Club" can hardly convey to our overseas members the ideal home atmosphere that exists at 194, Queen's Gate, where everything suggests "home." The greatest of all festivals—that of Christmas Day—creates the most universal desire to be "at home," and then, too, we feel very closely associated in spirit with our absent

friends; and members of the R.B.N.A. are very strong in their fellowship with each other even when seas roll between. When the many toasts were given at the superb Christmas dinner—so exquisitely cooked and served in traditional, time-honoured style, with lighted puddings, &c.—my friend from South Africa and I were thrilled to hear you give the toast of "Our Members Across the Seas." And then, how swiftly and silently our thoughts flew to them; quicker than wireless, we visualised in many lands groups of friends, members in our own British Dominions, and somehow we felt confident that they were with us in heart. No long speeches were given, none were needed. We were at once in touch with the most distant link in our membership. Later on, when dances and games were enjoyed in the drawing-room, when even the elders found themselves "tripping" the most modern dances on the splendid parquet floor, when others were playing bridge, there came at the end—as though to speed the parting guest, a cup of tea. "Surely," thought I, "this is what we do in the colonies." But Christmas even now was not quite over; true again to the generous spirit of the season the house staff were called up and we sang with clasped hands, and in unbroken strains, to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne." So passed a most glorious Christmas Day at our Club, and I hope that any overseas member, finding herself in "the Little Island," may have the joy of spending some future Christmas at 194, Queen's Gate. If they take the B.J.N. they will keep in touch with all your kind messages which are not confined to Christmas. Thanking you with a grateful heart and wishing you a glorious New Year and continued success to our R.B.N.A.

Ever yours sincerely,

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national Council of Nurses.*

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