

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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SECTION FOR STUDENT NURSES.

The Council have under consideration the proposal to form a Section for nurses in training and thus to give them opportunity to organise themselves professionally under the Royal Charter. Their names will not, of course, be added to the Membership Roll of the Corporation until their training is completed, but they will be able to participate in many of our activities, and through such participation will be the better qualified to take their share in professional organisation later. There are indications of an increased tendency on the part of Hospital authorities to require that the nurses, training in their Hospitals, shall belong to some organisation, either professional or otherwise. By forming a branch such as that proposed we are offering to the nurses opportunity to join a professional organisation instead of one which might be wholly or partially composed of non-professional workers.

Full particulars regarding the new Section will be available shortly, and these can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

MISS CUTLER AT HOME.

On Friday, February 5th, from 4 to 6 p.m., Miss Beatrice Cutler is to be At Home to Members and Friends at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7. She asks us to intimate to readers of the JOURNAL that she hopes they will regard this intimation as an invitation to be present. We expect a large gathering as Miss Cutler has a very wide circle of friends, and there are many who wish to make a point of meeting her and wishing her Godspeed before she sets sail for a lengthened visit to South Africa, a visit which has been postponed on several occasions in the interests of her profession or her friends when they required her help. We are looking forward to a very delightful afternoon for Miss Cutler is making every arrangement possible to give pleasure to her friends.

Members will learn with gratification of another of her many acts of kindness to her Association and theirs. She has just sent to us a fine flag and is having a flag-staff erected on the balcony, so that we shall be able to fly the Union Jack "on occasions of State." We expect to be able to haul it up on the 5th when we gather to partake of Miss Cutler's hospitality, and to meet many old friends.

FIXTURES.

DANCE.

The dance arranged for the 30th inst. has not taken place as we send out our MS. to Press, but it promises to be successful.

LECTURE.

On Wednesday, February 10th, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Cecil Chesterton will give a lecture on "The Underworld of London." This Lecture ought to be a popular one for

people so interested in humanity as the nurses; Mrs. Chesterton has actually gone down and dwelt in the haunts of the poor, lived their lives and learnt, in the best way of all—by practical experience—of the joys and the sorrows, the struggles and the festivals, the nobility and the failures of life in the Underworld of London. There is no charge for the Lecture.

LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 20th, at 3 p.m., Miss Isabel Macdonald will lecture on the "Psychology of Success." We had hoped to have a debate this month, but the Member who is to oppose the Resolution to be advanced has told us that it would be more convenient for her to undertake this a little later on.

We trust that there will be plenty of discussion after the Lecture, as the Section will fail in one of its objects unless the Members really take some little share in its discussions. We have had some very interesting gatherings before, in connection with this Section, but there was always a tendency to leave the discussion to the same handful of people, which tends to make it less varied and interesting and less useful in developing self-expression, which is one of the objects of such a Section.

Under the auspices of the Literary and Debating Society we are holding Meetings every Thursday at 8 p.m.; that which takes place on February 4th will deal with "Committee Procedure." We will draw up an imaginary Agenda which will have bearing on matters of professional interest to nurses in all its details. We hope that Members will do their best to attend.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

For Friday, February 26th, at 8 p.m., Miss Hebson (Mrs. Buckett of our play—Isabel, Edward and Anne) is organising a dramatic entertainment in aid of the House Beautiful Fund, and this is likely to be a very amusing affair. The tickets will be 3s., 2s. and 1s. The money arising from it is to be used towards having our drawing-room at Queen's Gate entirely re-decorated. We are longing to see it dressed in lovely new chintzes, with blue delphiniums and dainty bits of mauve, which a clever-fingered Member is making.

We had hoped to be able to produce a play ourselves next month, but Mr. Douglas Phaire, who acted as producer when we staged "Isabel, Edward and Anne," is going on tour in "The Blue Bird," and it has been decided to wait until he is free before producing another play.

THE RAMBLERS' CLUB.

On Tuesday, March 2nd, at 2 p.m., "The Ramblers" will leave the Club to explore places of interest in Southwark. We hope to secure the services of a gentleman who knows all

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