

Chief Officer of the Reserve; to those hospital authorities, who, apprehending the aims of the Corporation, have afforded it, at the invitation of the President, their valued countenance and active co-operation; and to Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. Evatt for the courtesy with which he has placed his accumulated experience at their service.

The Executive Committee venture to predict that, with change of domicile, the Corporation is entering on an enlarged sphere of public duty. It is hoped that the Nurses' Club Room will shortly supply a widely felt want by providing the Members of the Association with a resort in which they will find opportunities of recreation and refreshment amid the surroundings of homely refinement and elegance. A lending and reference library of scientific, medical and other works, may, it is hoped, be shortly provided; it would prove to be of great value to Nurses and Probationers. Of no less use would be a permanent exhibition of dressings and medical and surgical appliances, which it will be the best endeavour of the Committee to establish.

The Executive Committee beg to suggest that, in the course of the coming year, the Royal British Nurses' Association should convene and hold in London, an International Congress of those who, in this and other countries, are devoting their energies to the work of the ward and the sick room, and are labouring to place the vocation of Nursing on the secure foundation of an organised and honourable calling.

The General Council is invited to exercise its dispensing powers in favour of Fanny Livermore, who, although she has not fulfilled the requirements of the Registration Board in regard to her period of training by one month, has, in the opinion of the Committee, special claims to the consideration of the Council.

The General Council is also invited to recommend to the next General Meeting of the Corporation to appoint the following members to the office of Vice-President: Professor Sir Douglas Maclagan, Professor Sir Thomas Granger Stewart, Dr. Patrick Heron Watson, Dr. John Duncan, Dr. Halliday Croom, Professor Gairdner, Dr. Hector Cameron, and Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

It is also suggested that the Council should advise the next General Meeting to pray the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council to amend Clause 1 of Section F of the Bye-laws, viz.: that which regulates the constitution of the Executive Committee, by the substitution of the words "the following thirty elected members" for the words "the following twenty-four elected members," so as to bring the preliminary definition of the Committee into harmony with the detailed statement which follows.

The Council will learn with grateful interest that Her Royal Highness the President proposes to hold, in the course of the month of November next, a bazaar in aid of the funds which are needed by the Corporation at this juncture to fulfil the duties of its expanding influence and increasing public responsibility. Her Royal Highness has also intimated her intention of bestowing a prize on the Nurse who, at the close of the course of lectures of the coming autumn session, shall show herself to be the most proficient of those who have attended the lectures in the subject of Practical Nursing.

After the Annual Meeting of the Association, which will be held in the Town Hall at Windsor, on July 25th, the State Apartments and Library at Windsor Castle will, by special permission of the Lord Chamberlain, be on view for all visitors and members attending the meeting. Under ordinary circumstances the public is not admitted to the Castle on Wednesdays. All members and their friends who have secured return tickets by application to the offices of the Association must bear in mind the necessity of having all such tickets stamped by the Clerk in the Booking Office at Paddington Station before taking their seats in the train, which starts at 10.50 a.m.

The provision of tea and light refreshments for members in their Club Room was duly started on Monday last, and many Nurses have already expressed their pleasure at the arrangement, which will certainly meet a continually expressed "want." The prices are extremely low, and every care will be taken to serve the teas appetizingly though simply, while, gradually, the variety of refreshments named on the tariff will be increased. Housekeepers well know the outlay required to start such a scheme, even on a small scale; but the Association funds have been spared all expense in this case. Miss de Pledge, Matron of Chelsea Infirmary, kindly contributed a gift of a dozen cups, saucers and plates, with jam and butter dishes, egg-cups, salt cellars, and even toast racks for those inclined for such modest luxuries. Miss Brancker, M.R.B.N.A., has generously supplemented these necessities by a donation of every other essential to the carrying out of this scheme for the comfort of Nurses; kettles of various sizes, twelve tea-pots, trays, spoons, forks, knives, coffee-pot, a supply of cloths, and, lastly, a large milk saucepan, and washing-up bowl; while an anonymous Friend has sent, by Miss Brancker, a dozen little milk jugs and sugar bowls, so that each tray can be served with its own tea equipage complete.

Nurses can make use of the Club Room now till 9 p.m., an arrangement, it is hoped, which will enable many more members to avail themselves of the conveniences it offers, especially as the shortening days will soon be interfering with the summer habits of Nurses whose "time off" is not till 6 p.m.

The Secretary begs to remind the readers of the RECORD that she is now able to give full information concerning the course of Educational Lectures for those interested in Nursing, and which commences in the first week in October.

At the meeting of the Executive Committee held on Friday, July 6th, it was decided that as the fee of 10/6 hitherto charged does not cover the cost of maintaining the Register of Trained Nurses, the fee for Registration shall, on and after the 1st of January next, be £1 1s.

ALICE RAVENHILL,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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