

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The *Nurses' Journal*, the official organ of the R.B.N.A., announces that the Annual Meeting will be held on June 13th, at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Corporation, will preside, and it is hoped the date will be noted, and that all members who can be spared from duty will make a point of attending.

NEW HON. TREASURER.

At the last meeting of the General Council, at which the President presided, Dr. Kenneth Stewart, whose conduct of recent meetings has found much favour with the nurse members, was elected Honorary Treasurer.

Dr. Kenneth Stewart has taken a keen interest in the recent negotiations concerning the amalgamation of the College of Nursing, Ltd., with the R.B.N.A., and also attended the conferences between the delegates of the organized Nurses' Societies, which have resulted in the affiliation of several of these societies with the R.B.N.A., and the organization of a Consultative Committee representing such societies for the expression of expert opinion on questions affecting the Nursing Profession as a whole, such as education, economics, social relations, imperial and international relations. This Committee, when it gets to work, will not only discuss questions, but will be a most representative medium through which to express opinion, socially and politically. Dr. Kenneth Stewart is a cousin of the late Miss Isla Stewart, of revered memory.

We are pleased to note that Dr. Foord Caiger and Dr. J. McGregor Robertson, F.R.S., are amongst the nominees for election to the General Council; also that the names of Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., Miss Sinzinex, A.R.R.C., and the doyens of Scottish and Irish Nursing reform, Mrs. Strong and Miss M. Huxley, are also included in the list. The R.B.N.A. will be the stronger for the inclusion on its governing body of persons who have helped not only to initiate, but who have stood firmly for just legislation for nurses for so many years.

Mrs. Shuter has been appointed delegate to the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, in the place of the late Dr. Bezley Thorne. Mrs. Shuter was trained at

St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and was promoted to be a Sister. She has since her marriage always maintained her interest in the progress of her profession.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Council of the N.U.T.N., held at 46, Marsham Street, S.W., on May 3rd, decided to affiliate with the Royal British Nurses' Association. This is very satisfactory, as the N.U.T.N. is the only National organisation of Trained Nurses enrolled on an individual basis in England, it is self-governing on a very democratic basis, and should infuse more academic bodies with fresh ideas, the sort of ideas in relation to women's social evolution which are daily gaining influence in the body politic.

The N.U.T.N. Club in Cambridge, which has met a need in the town, has opened its doors to V.A.D.'s, who no doubt appreciate the privilege of professional association.

The flourishing branches of the Union, at Manchester, Liverpool, and, we fear, Birmingham, have been torpedoed by the reactionary policy of those members pushing the College of Nursing, Ltd. The College Matrons who have used their influence to wreck the self-governing professional policy of the Union, and urge Trained Nurses to enrol themselves under a Constitution autocratic and unprofessional to the highest degree, and practically governed by the nominees of their employers, are in our opinion deserving of the severest censure. Their jealous attitude towards the rights of the rank and file of their profession is as ungenerous as it is deplorable, and proves how necessary it is for independent nurses to stand firmly together, until a modern Parliament has time to consider a Bill, calculated to protect their work and personal liberty from manipulation by unprogressive and self-interested persons. The profession generally owes a greater debt than it at present realises to the leaders of the N.U.T.N. in coming out boldly for right, irrespective of personal considerations, at this acute stage of our affairs. They will have their reward by and bye.

LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NURSES.

To the very great regret of the members of the League of St. John's House Nurses, the President, Sister Naomi, announced at the last general meeting that pressure of work prevented her from longer filling the position, though she would always give the League all the help in her power, and would be pleased to have the meetings held at 12, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, as heretofore.

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