

## ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION. THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF NURSES.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has signified her wish to meet and welcome the delegates appointed, so far, by the Organized Nurses' Societies on to the Nurses' Consultative Committee of the R.B.N.A. A meeting has been arranged for next week, when no doubt all the delegates will have great pleasure in attending the meeting convened by Her Royal Highness.

The Annual Meeting of the Royal Corporation is, as already announced, to take place on Thursday, June 13th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., at 3 p.m. The President will be in the Chair, and the Report will, no doubt, be of great interest. The fact that the Association has decided to retain its Royal Charter, and not become absorbed into the College of Nursing, is a matter of very far-reaching importance—much more so than the majority of nurses realise. The more interest the nurse members take in their own Association, the more they will realise how all-important it is to retain the powers granted to them in their Royal Charter by Her late Majesty Queen Victoria.

## THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION OF TRAINED NURSES.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has been invited to address the National Party on "State Registration of Trained Nurses as One of the Problems of the Day," and will do so at a meeting on Saturday, June 15th, at 64, Victoria Street, S.W.

It is earnestly hoped that members of the Society have kept the afternoon of Thursday, June 20th, free to attend the Annual Meeting. This Society drafted the first Nurses' Registration Bill in 1904, which was passed by the House of Lords in 1908, but which, owing to the opposition of the Nurse Training Schools, has been held up in the Commons. Now, however, that many of us have votes, and the Labour and National Parties have conscientious convictions as to the rights of the wage earners, our chances of just legislation in a modern Parliament are most hopeful, if only the nurses are true to themselves, and do not permit themselves to be used as pawns for an Employers' Bill.

Mrs. Walter Spencer, with her usual kindness, invites the members to tea after the meeting at 2, Portland Place, W.—an invitation which is always accepted with very great pleasure.

## COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

The annual meeting, for members only, will be held on June 6th, 1918, at 3 p.m. (tea will be served at 4.30 p.m.), at the Rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.

In connection with the above

### A NURSING CONFERENCE.

will be held on June 6th and 7th, at the Rooms of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. 1.

SESSION I, June 6th, 7.30 p.m.—Subject: "The Higher Education of Nurses and its Relation to Applicants for Training." Paper to be read by Miss Gullan, Sister Tutor, St. Thomas' Hospital; discussion to follow. Chairman: Major-General Sir Berkeley Moynihan, F.R.C.S. In charge of Session: Miss Daunt, Assistant Matron, Middlesex Hospital.

SESSION II, June 7th, 11 a.m.—For Matrons (past and present), members of the College only. Subject: "Special and Small Hospitals in Relation to General Training Schools." This meeting is specially convened in order that all Matrons who are members of the College may have an opportunity of consulting together over this difficult question.

SESSION III, June 7th, 3 p.m.—Subject: "The Part to be Played by the Nursing Profession in the State During and After the War." Paper 1, "How the Nursing Profession can Assist in the Scheme of Reconstruction" (Hyslop Thomson, M.D., D.P.H., County Medical Officer of Health, Hertfordshire); Paper 2, "The Future Work of the School Nurse" (C. J. Thomas, M.B., Department of Public Health); Paper 3, "The Tuberculosis Nurse" (Jessie M. Campbell, M.B.); Paper 4, "The Nursing Profession in Relation to the Proposed Ministry of Health" (Colonel Thackray Parsons, M.D., R.A.M.C.). Chairman: Miss Haldane, I.L.D., C.H. In charge of Session: The Hon. Gertrude Best, Assistant Matron, St. Thomas' Hospital.

### THE COLLEGE BILL.

The College Council has re-drafted its Registration Bill for the fifth time, or, rather, clothed its skeleton Bill more decently. But the Bill is still under revision. Why was it not submitted to the consideration of the nurse members at its Annual Meeting on the 6th inst, or at least discussed at the Nursing Conference. The Clauses of a Bill are of paramount importance to the nurse members. Surely, these members, of whom there is not one representative on the Council, have a right to express an opinion on legislation so intimately affecting their condition.

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