

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THIS SUPPLEMENT BEING THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CORPORATION.

## LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR MAJESTIES' SILVER WEDDING.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE,

July 6th, 1918.

MADAM,—I am commanded to beg Your Royal Highness to be so good as to convey to the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, of which Your Royal Highness is President, the expression of the sincere thanks of the King and Queen for the kind message of congratulation and good wishes on Their Majesties' Silver Wedding, communicated through Your Royal Highness on behalf of the Members and also in the name of the Honorary Officers of the Council.

I have the honour to be, Madam,  
Your Royal Highness' humble and  
obedient servant,

STAMFORDHAM.

H.R.H. the Princess Christian.

## A PROPOSED CONFERENCE ON PRESENT-DAY NURSING PROBLEMS.

The Council of the Corporation have under consideration arrangements for holding a Conference in the autumn, which will deal chiefly with the problems of the day in so far as they affect fully qualified nurses.

## ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

It has been suggested that, in one of the early issues of the new official organ of the Association, a very brief account should be given of the ordinary work of the Corporation, apart from the other business—lectures, meetings, &c.

which it undertakes from time to time. Repeatedly it has been stated by the promoters of the College of Nursing, Ltd., that, until this company was founded, there was no organisation of nurses and we hear references frequently to the "inspiration" which led to its foundation. A short scrutiny of its activities up to the present will serve to show that, apart from its form of incorporation and the methods adopted to finance it, its founders ought to have offered their "grateful acknowledgments" to those of the R.B.N.A. so far as any "inspiration" or imagination is concerned. As a matter of fact, however, the College cannot claim to be one of the nurses' organisations, for its Council is representative only of the employers of the nurses, so that the independent working nurses have no voice in the management of the company. Under the by-laws of the R.B.N.A. equal representation is given, on the governing body, to medical men, to matrons and to the working nurses, and therefore it is the fault of the nurses themselves if they do not take their share in the management of their own affairs and make good use of the powers placed in their hands by Royal Charter. In the Council and Executive Committee no expression of opinion is given more courteous consideration or receives more ready sympathy than when it comes from one of the elected nurses.

### THE REGISTER.

The Association has kept a Register of Nurses since 1890, and on this are entered full particulars of the training and qualifications of those whose names are, for the time being, inscribed thereon. The fee for registration has been temporarily reduced to five shillings in order to make it easily possible for all fully-qualified nurses to belong to the Association and to use the Royal Charter for their own benefit, and that of their fellow workers.

### MEMBERSHIP.

Duly qualified medical men, matrons and superintendents of nurses and those nurses whose names have been placed on the Register of the Corporation are eligible for election as members of the Corporation. In accordance with By-law VIII, the annual subscription is five shillings. For life membership a single payment of two guineas is necessary.

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