

**BADGE.**

We give, in the present issue, a reproduction of the pretty badge worn by the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association. That of H.R.H. the President is of gold, while past and present members of the General Council wear a silver badge; the ordinary member's badge is of bronze. In each case the design is the same.

**DIPLOMA IN NURSING.**

The Corporation grants a Diploma in Nursing to such fully qualified nurses as pass a higher examination in nursing. The Royal British Nurses' Association is the only organisation which grants this honour, and, therefore, it takes precedence, in the nursing world, as an educational and academic body at the present time.

**STATE REGISTRATION.**

The Association is a constituent part of the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses and is therefore one of those societies which for years have been promoting the Bill for State Registration. Through its representation on that Committee the powers

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and prestige, given by the Royal Charter, are used in support of a Bill in every way just both to the public and the nurses.

**CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE MEMBERS.**

There are two Private Nurses' Co-operations in London which are maintained solely for Registered Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association; the Members of those societies receive the full fees charged for their services less a small commission for working expenses. The Association also finds a considerable number of permanent appointments for its members throughout the year, and in regard to this it often has the co-operation of the members themselves, as nurses who are giving up their posts frequently put those responsible for appointing their successors into communication with the Secretary. The Australian Branch of the Association also has a flourishing private staff, and Members going out from the parent Association frequently find employment through this.

**BENEVOLENCE.**

The Helena Benevolent Fund is maintained by the nurses for their fellow-members in times of

sickness and distress, as also is the Princess Christian Settlement Home for Aged Members of the Corporation. Each nurse there has a pretty room of her own for the nominal rent of 4s. 4d. annually.

**ROYAL RED CROSS.**

We learn with pleasure that the Royal Red Cross has been awarded to Sister Sarah Ellen Howard and that she has been commanded to attend at Buckingham Palace on the 31st inst. in order to receive this. Miss Howard, in addition to her certificate in General Training, holds one in Midwifery, and has been a Member since 1910. She has always been enthusiastic in her efforts to attain to the highest possible standard in her professional work and we congratulate her warmly upon this well-earned award.

**AN APPRECIATION.**

We note with pleasure that, in its report for 1917, the Middlesex Hospital pays a well-earned tribute to Miss Langridge, an early Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association. The report, in placing on record an appreciation of her twenty years' work, states that this was "marked by intense devotion to the patients under her care and all her actions were influenced by a sincerity of purpose and a true spirit of helpfulness which brought bodily comfort and ease of mind to many who turned to her in their hour of trial. She was," adds the report, "an ideal Sister in every sense of the word."

**NOTICES TO THE MEMBERS.**

Members are requested to return all books borrowed from the Library not later than 31st inst., and, as is customary, the Library will be closed during the month of August.

The Club Room at 10, Orchard Street is open to Members from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Various nursing, medical and lay periodicals are available for the use of Members there, but they cannot be circulated from the office by post.

Members are requested to send at once to the Office of the Corporation notices of new appointments, changes of address, &c., in order that those may be inserted on the Register and Membership Roll.

Members may arrange to have their letters addressed to the office and forwarded to them, and those residing abroad may, by special arrangement with the Secretary, use the telegraphic address for communicating with their friends.

Application forms for Registration and Membership can be obtained from the Secretary, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

**DONATIONS RECEIVED.**

The Honorary Treasurer acknowledges with thanks donations from the following:—S. W. Harrison, Esq. (per Mrs. Reikes), £5 5s.; Mrs. Charles Hughes, £5; Mrs. Martin, £1 1s.; Mrs. Raikes, £1 1s.; Miss Hutton (per Miss Cattell), £1.

(Signed)

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