

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## A SCHEME FOR INAUGURATING A CLUB IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting will be held at the Mansion House, on Thursday, March 13th, to inaugurate a scheme for founding a Nurses' Club in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association. The Lord Mayor will preside, and will be supported by Mrs. Lloyd George; the Viscountess Rhondda; the Marchioness of Ailsa; Lord Morris; Major the Hon. Waldorf Astor, M.P.; and Admiral Sims.

It is hoped that members of the Association and its affiliated societies will make every endeavour possible to attend this meeting, in order to give their support to the scheme. The present club-room, at 10, Orchard Street, has, on several occasions recently, proved far too small for the needs of the members when they have organized their conferences or social gatherings, and it is this circumstance which led those responsible for the management of the Association to approach the Lord Mayor, with a view to establishing a club which will be much more largely useful to nurses generally. The nurses greatly appreciate the kindness of the Lord Mayor and others who will speak at the meeting, in giving their support to the scheme for inaugurating a Nurses' Club.

All nurses, whether members of the Association or not, are cordially invited to attend the meeting; and those who wish to do so should send their names and addresses at once to the Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W. 1.

## TO MEMBERS OF THE R.B.N.A.

Appreciations have reached us from all sections of our members of the latest issue of the *B.J.N.*, and to theirs we might well add the congratulations of the Corporation as a whole to its Editor. Particularly does the Deputation to the President of the Local Government Board appear to have caused satisfaction to the nurses, and quite rightly so, too. It serves but as an instance of what the nurses can bring about themselves by organisation, and as an indication and encouragement to them to strengthen further their organised societies.

The leaders in this great struggle would be the first to acknowledge the yeoman service done by many who appear less prominently in the fight. The College, on the strength of large funds subscribed by a charitable public, has no restrictions placed upon its propaganda work. It is not possible for the societies, so generously and loyally supported by the nurses themselves, from their all too slender salaries, to supply speakers to go constantly round hospitals in London and the provinces, not to mention the military hospitals abroad, in order to put their side of the present controversy. Several of our members have come heroically to the rescue. It has been no easy thing for them to take an independent stand, and fight for their principles and ours in College strongholds in towns, such as, for instance, Birmingham, Sheffield, Manchester, Bristol, and in some large hospitals at the Front.

From one hospital in the North many nurses have joined up under the Charter, and the only indication of who is loyally and unostentatiously fighting for us, up there, is that the applications for Registration are countersigned by a nurse who, when she worked for the Corporation as a private nurse, was reported to us by a well-known ophthalmic surgeon as having the gentlest voice and touch, of any who had ever worked for him. Her courage, honesty and persistence, judging from the files of the Registration Board, are evidently quite equal to her gentleness.

To one and all of them we offer our sincere thanks, and when some day we celebrate the passing of the longed-for measure to protect the nurses, we feel sure their leaders will ask no greater honour than that, side by side with them on the platform, will stand those—most of them in the younger ranks of the profession—who have so heroically and effectively carried the fight into districts which otherwise, except for the *JOURNAL*, we could not have reached. All honour to those younger members of the profession who have chosen a clearly defined policy and principles, and who stand for those with all the strength that is in them.

## LECTURE.

Owing to illness, Professor Flinders Petrie was unable to lecture last week, and the course is now closed for the winter.

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