

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## NEW YEAR'S GREETING FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Corporation, has telephoned to the Office her gracious commands that we shall convey to the Members her best wishes for the coming year, and that we shall express to them her hope that it may bring much good to the nurses.

### A CHARTER TEA.

The Members' Clubroom at 10, Orchard Street was filled to overflowing on the 4th inst., and there was a universally expressed conviction that an effort should be made to secure larger premises where they might have their gatherings. It was announced that Her Royal Highness the President had telephoned her gracious commands that there should be conveyed to the Members her best wishes for the coming year and her hope that it might bring much good to the nurses. Those who were present instructed the Secretary, when conveying their thanks to Her Royal Highness, to respectfully offer to her their good wishes for 1919, with assurances of their loyalty to her person. Many of the nurses expressed their pleasure in having among them, for the first time, Lieut.-Colonel Goodall, to whom all feel a deep sense of gratitude for the help he has given so generously in connection with their effort to obtain a just measure for State Registration. There was always an interested group turning over the leaves of the Royal Charter, and a number of nurses took away copies of it. One Member had brought her gramophone, and when, after playing a number of airs, it queried "Are we downhearted?" there was an emphatic chorus in the negative from "the insignificant."

### LECTURE.

#### "LANDS AND PEOPLES OF THE LOWER DANUBE."

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian will preside at the lecture to be given by Mr. James Berry, F.R.C.S., at 11, Chandos Street, on Thursday, 16th inst., at 2.45 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a large attendance of nurses. The lecture, on "Lands and Peoples of the Lower Danube," will be very fully illustrated by lantern slides, and is certain to prove most interesting.

## CONFERENCE ON THE NEED OF QUALIFIED WOMEN IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

We beg to remind Members of the Corporation, its affiliated Societies, and other Trained Nurses of the Conference to be held at 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W., on Saturday, 11th inst., at 3 p.m. The subject under discussion will be "The Need for properly qualified Women in all branches of Public Health Work." Miss Atherton will take the Chair, and Miss Wise and Miss Alderman will read papers.

## BENEVOLENT FUND FOR NURSES: THE DUTY OF PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT.

We should like to bring to the notice of nurses at the commencement of a new year the claims of the Benevolent Funds for Nurses; there are three of these in which trained nurses should take a particular interest. The Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund is the oldest Benevolent Fund for Nurses, and is now granting pensions to forty-two sick or aged nurses. Any fully trained nurse in need of assistance, and who is no longer able to continue in active practice, is eligible for an annuity from this Fund. The Helena Benevolent Fund has been maintained by the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, in order to assist their less fortunate fellow-members who are temporarily prevented, through illness, from continuing their work; and by means of the Settlement Fund the Princess Christian Home at 20, Clapton Square is maintained.

In the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund there are certain annuities specially connected by name with Members of the Royal Family or with other people who have rendered service to the profession of nursing. There is one Annuity known as the Prince Christian Victor Memorial Annuity, and it has been suggested that Members of the R.B.N.A. and its affiliated Societies should set themselves to found, for some sick or aged nurse, another Annuity, to be named the Princess Christian Annuity. It could not fail to be gratifying to Her Royal Highness that her own nurses should be those to found an annuity to be placed alongside that of the son whom she loved so deeply and who

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