

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THE NATIONAL ORGANISATION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, on behalf of the Corporation, has written a letter to the Hon. Secretary of the National Organisation for Public Health Nursing (New York), expressing her own good wishes and those of the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association that great success may attend the Convention which the National Organisation is to hold in Atlanta in April.

An invitation has been sent to the chief official of the Royal British Nurses' Association to take part in the Convention, an act of courtesy which H.R.H. the President and the members of the Association greatly appreciate.

THE NURSING PAGEANT.

The Nursing Pageant promises to be a great success, and many friends are giving invaluable help. The characters are already nearly all allotted, and there is much research about costumes. Several Irish friends are to be with us. Three of the most important parts are the three Nursing Acts. Miss M. Heather-Bigg will bring in the Act for England and Wales; and Miss Alice Reeves, a Nursing Councillor for Ireland, the Irish Act. "Legal Status" will present them to Hygeia, who, no doubt, will have something important to say to them; but that is in the hands of Miss Mollett, who is writing the words for the new Section. Miss F. Sleigh is designing new Bannerettes for "Edith Cavell" and "Jane Delano," two of the heroines of the Great War.

ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

It is with great pleasure that we learn that Miss Sinzininex, A.R.R.C., has been awarded the Royal Red Cross, First Class.

Miss Sinzininex was Matron of Queen Alexandra's Hospital for Officers, Highgate, and proved herself a most able organiser and a very popular Matron. She holds the Diploma of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which is the

only body of nurses which grants a Diploma in Nursing.

THE MORAL AND SOCIAL INFLUENCE OF NURSES ON THE RACE.

Under the auspices of the Association, Miss Graham Hope gave a lecture, which was greatly appreciated by the nurses present, on the Moral and Social Influence of Nurses on the Race. At the last moment Miss Heather Bigg was prevented from being in the Chair, as had been arranged, and Miss Wise took her place. The latter said that any remarks from her that afternoon were really superfluous, for Miss Graham Hope was so well known for the interest she took in social questions, and was equally well known as a writer and novelist. All would agree that the subject of her paper was one very full of interest, and that nurses must realise how wide was their influence, and therefore their responsibility, so that they greatly valued the kindness of a speaker, so well versed in national questions, in addressing them.

In commencing her lecture, Miss Graham Hope said that, although not a nurse herself, she might claim to have an inherited interest in nurses as various relations of her own had, in the past, done important work for nursing and nurses. In many cases people who had worked during the war with great energy had now more time for thinking, and in cases of illness they certainly did not wish to be told about other people's illnesses. Indeed they shrank from this. Social life has now to be resumed as it should exist in time of peace, and what people want is not Socialism but sociability. Human nature is much the same all the world over. The rich may just as readily have good qualities as the poor, and they may just as readily have bad qualities as the poor. True Socialism lies in looking on each human being, whether rich or poor, with exactly the same attitude of mind. There is too great a tendency for people to cut themselves loose altogether from old ideas and to start, so to speak, all afresh. Nurses have great opportunities for trying to rouse people to realise their responsibilities, to take up life seriously. One need only look around and observe how people dress, for instance, to realise that some of them almost verge upon being insane.

It would seem as though no one had been

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