

tration movement are to be realised, the Council, and particularly the nurses' representatives on that Council, have a right to expect from the Members of the Profession a loyal and alert co-operation with them in their efforts to help the nurses and to raise the standards of nursing education. The nurses themselves must take their places as builders of their profession; they must grasp the possibilities which have been placed in their hands. Therefore we beg of them all not to adopt the "Wait-and-see-what-it-will-do-for-me" attitude, but to take instead the rôle which should be that of professional women, and to realise that they must be alert, independent egos with minds and opinions and aspirations of their own, taking an active and intelligent interest in the affairs of their profession, and not poor things belonging to a kind of group soul guided only by such talk as may chance to fall upon their ears.

During the next few weeks nursing is to take its first tottering steps as a profession in its childhood. Let every Member of it do, each in her place, all that she can in order that it may reach a position of honour among the great professions; let each think first of the universal good and thus acquire those long-range emotions that make up the secret of power in the individual.

A SPECIAL APPEAL FOR QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL.

Princess Arthur of Connaught will be present at a meeting at the Marylebone Town Hall on Tuesday, June 8th, at 3 o'clock, which has been called to inaugurate a special appeal fund in aid of Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital.

CORRESPONDENCE.

WE THANK YOU.

To the Members of the R.B.N.A.

MESDAMES,

May I thank all those of my fellow-members of the Association who have sent me such kind expressions of goodwill upon my appointment to the General Nursing Council. These expressions of goodwill have given me unmixed pleasure, as also have the words of appreciation of my work in connection with the State Registration movement. I cannot, however, accept all the remarks which have been made in this connection without saying how much I owe to your Assistant Secretary, Miss Glover. She has worked so loyally and splendidly for the nurses, and, but for this, I should certainly not have been free to undertake one quarter of the political work which I did. Again and again you have drawn my attention to her unflinching courtesy to you, and I feel that I should not accept your congratulations without acknowledging how much I owe to "my good comrade."

I am,

Yours very truly,
ISABEL MACDONALD.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

MADAM,

I wish through the medium of the Official Organ of our Association, to thank my old friends in it and also the new members who have written to me offering their congratulations on my appointment to a seat on the General Nursing Council. Their kindness in doing so has gratified me very much.

I also take opportunity to remind the private nurses that I have the honour to represent their section of the profession on the General Nursing Council, and that, therefore, I shall always have a special regard for their point of view. I shall be glad to hear from any of them who can think of any matter in which I can be of help to them on the Council.

In closing I should like to say that, in my work on the Council for my fellow nurses, I shall always try to live up to the beautiful motto that the Princess gave to her Royal Association of Nurses' and will be "Steadfast and True" always in supporting the principles that are likely to be helpful to them. I am, &c.,

ALICE CATTELL.

Member of the General Council and the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

CIVIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

On Saturday, May 29th, at 3 p.m., at 10, Orchard Street, Councillor Beatrice Kent will lecture on "Civic Duties and Responsibilities." The lecture is to be held under the auspices of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work, and Members of the R.B.N.A. and of its Affiliated Societies are invited to attend and also any nurses, not members of the Association, who may be specially interested in Public Health Work.

THE PROCEDURE OF CONDUCTING MEETINGS.

On Saturday, June 5th, at 3 p.m., Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will give a "grind" on "The Procedure of Conducting Meetings."

We would strongly urge all nurses who can to attend. It is highly important that they should have a more intimate knowledge of the rules and conduct of business meetings. Very rarely does opportunity offer for gaining knowledge of this kind, and frequently much time is lost at the nurses' meetings from their lack of it. Several may argue that public work of any sort does not appeal to them, but we consider that they should really qualify themselves to be able to take their seats on the Council or on one or other of the Committees of their Association, when, or if, their fellow-members honour them by election. Further the "grind" on June 5th should prove a very healthy antidote to the seclusion of the sickroom and the tendency to think of nothing but the unceasing round of ordinary nursing work.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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