

I cannot find words to express the pleasure your kind gifts will give me. Some of those present know a cottage on a Surrey heath where there is a place for just such a mirror, but I never expected it to have one half so beautiful. I thank you all very much.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK said: I must add a word of appreciation of all that Miss Breay has done for the benefit of the nursing profession throughout her professional career. I very much doubt if without her devoted work for the organisation of nursing, the Nurses' Registration Act would ever have been passed in its present satisfactory form.

Miss Breay has not only given every moment of her time, depriving herself of all leisure for this unusual talents and fine characteristics. In spite of all this self-sacrifice I am not going to condole with Miss Breay, but to heartily congratulate her, because nothing is more satisfactory than to be permitted to have fine work allotted to one in life, and to have the spirit and health to perform one's duty to the best of one's ability.

Miss Breay's life has been spent, inspired by the highest ideals, in the service not only of the Nursing Profession, but of humanity and the Empire. Her opportunities have been great, and she has availed herself of them for the benefit not only of her colleagues, but of generations of nurses to come.

At the conclusion of this interesting ceremony those present adjourned, by invitation, to another room, where tea, characteristically Scotch in its generous proportions, had been provided, after the pleasant and friendly fashion which prevails so often in connection with R.B.N.A. gatherings. Those present much enjoyed the opportunity of social intercourse, for, in their busy lives, unless such occasions were planned for them they would seldom meet, and there is nothing more delightful than to discuss, informally, matters of common interest with those inspired by the same hopes and aspirations as ourselves. It was a happy ending to a most enjoyable afternoon.

CIVIC DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

We regret that we have not space in this issue to report Councillor Beatrice Kent's admirable lecture on "Civic Duties and Responsibilities," which she delivered at the offices of the R.B.N.A. on Saturday afternoon. We hope to do justice to it in a subsequent issue.

ENGAGEMENT.

We have just received notice of the engagement of Miss Florence Relph, M.R.B.N.A., to Mr. S. V. Edge, Solicitor, Ootacamund, India. We desire to convey to both our congratulations and good wishes for their happiness.

MARRIAGE.

As we go to press we have had an intimation of the marriage of Miss E. T. de Fraine, M.R.B.N.A., to Mr. J. Pain. Through the medium of the

Journal we offer Mrs. Pain and her husband the good wishes of her fellow Members.

OBITUARY.

It is with very deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Rosamund Fowler, a Member of the General Council and one who was held in great esteem by her fellow Members. Miss Fowler was a Diplômée of the Corporation.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Members are asked to note the following fixtures:—

THE PROCEDURE OF CONDUCTING BUSINESS MEETINGS.

On Saturday, June 5th, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will give a "Grind" on "The Procedure of Conducting Business Meetings," 10 Orchard Street, W. 3 p.m.

THE MUNICIPAL ORGANISATION OF HOME NURSING.

On Saturday, June 19th, Miss H. G. Klaassen will speak on "The Need for Nurses Engaged in Private Visiting Practice, and in District Nursing, to consider the Municipal Organization of Home Nursing," 10, Orchard Street, W. 3 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING.

On Monday, June 21st, the Annual Meeting of the Royal British Nurses' Association will be held. The Executive Committee trust that there will be a large attendance of members. 11 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square. 3 p.m.

NOTICES TO MEMBERS.

We shall be very grateful if, in consideration of the greatly increased rates of postage, Members requiring answers to their communications will enclose a stamp for reply. The amount of additional expense thereby incurred by the individual will be very small, but if all nurses attended to this item it would save the various Funds of the Association a heavy expenditure for postage. At present, comparatively few nurses think of enclosing postage for a reply, though some are most careful to do so even when they merely intend it to cover a receipt. It is to be remembered that, in spite of ever-increasing expenditure, entrance fees and annual subscriptions have never been increased and, in consideration of this, we hope that our nurses will give due attention to the point above raised.

Members are also reminded of the necessity for forwarding at once to the Office notice of any change in their addresses, as failure to do so always involves considerable correspondence which could be avoided if they would just send a postcard at once.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

10, Orchard Street, W.1.

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