

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THE NURSES' OWN CLUB.

As members of my Association are aware, a scheme was inaugurated by the Royal British Nurses' Association some time ago to found a Nurses' Club, but, owing to the fact that the destinies of the nurses were being settled in the Houses of Parliament, I knew that my Council had to concentrate their energies very closely upon matters connected with legislation, and I considered that, although I had this scheme for establishing a Club in connection with my Association so much at heart, I ought not to press the matter at a time when my Council were so engrossed with questions vital to the whole future of the Profession of Nursing. Late in November last, however, I asked a few of my friends to join and help us in founding a Club such as you wished to have. These ladies have been most kind, but, knowing what I do of my own nurses, I felt that they would prefer to take the first steps themselves towards getting the money required for the inception of the Club. I therefore sent to each Member of the Corporation the following letter:—

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ROYAL
BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION TO NURSE
MEMBERS.

Schomberg House,
78, Pall Mall, S.W.1.

December, 1919.

DEAR MADAM,—It has been brought to my notice how very urgent is the need for a large Central Club for Nurses, and I am very anxious that they should have this, because it would be useful to them in so very many different ways. I wish to give you all the help I can to form such a club, but I feel that the nurses themselves would prefer to start the fund required for the inception of the Club. Further, if they will do this, it will help me very much by enabling me to say to my friends, that the nurses themselves have done what they could towards getting the necessary funds to start the Club.

I am therefore writing to ask, whether you

will undertake to collect, among your friends, at least £1 towards the fund? I shall be glad if you will let me know, on the enclosed postcard whether you will do this for me? If so, I will then send you a collecting card, which is being printed for the purpose.

I shall be very grateful also, if you will do all you can to interest nurses and others whom you know, in the scheme.

Faithfully yours,

HELENA,

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN,

Princess of Great Britain and Ireland.

My wish is that this Club, which we are founding in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association, should be available for all Nurses, and I shall be very glad, therefore, to hear from Members of my affiliated Societies and other nurses who are prepared to help me with the scheme. Will they write to me at 78, Pall Mall, S.W. 1?

I am most anxious that this Club should be one which the nurses can regard as their own house—as indeed a Home of their own. We suggest that it should be named “The Nurses' Own Club.” I think it is very important that you should all help me to build up its Membership at once, and those who are helping me agree that the nurses who join first should have some special privileges. They further suggest that, although the Club will be available for all trained Nurses, some nurses may be so placed that they do not require or cannot make use of all the privileges afforded by the Club, and that therefore such nurses should be allowed to join as Associates, who will not participate in the benefits of the Club to the full extent that Members do. I shall be glad if nurses who wish to join, whether as Members or Associates, will fill in the coupon on page vi and forward it to the address I have given above.

I hope you will all take a really active interest in your Club from the beginning; we wish to have it founded and carried on in a thoroughly business-like way, and I have not the slightest

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