

doubt that you will all see to it that it is made self-supporting, once it is established, especially as we intend that it will be planned and managed in such a way as to be of the greatest possible advantage to you.



President of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

THE PAGEANT OF THE HISTORY OF NURSING.

The Pageant of the History of Nursing, which is to celebrate the passage into law of the Nurses' Registration Acts, will be held at the Wharnccliffe Rooms, Great Central Hotel, London, W., on April 15th, where it can be displayed to fine advantage. Members of the Association and others will receive with much gratification the announcement that Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, who enters, always with such warm sympathy, into all the nurses' schemes for the development of their profession, has graciously consented to be the Patroness of the Pageant and to be present to witness its unfolding. In stately and impressive Processions the Pageant will show the evolution of the Profession of Nursing, commencing as from pre-historic times, as it presents itself through the long mists of time, in the traditions of the Hellenic Mysteries. Then will come the section connected with mediæval history, followed by a modern section which, in its own way, will be as full of interest and as educative as any. This part of the Procession will be headed by "Legal Status" in academic robes, carrying the Nursing Act. It will be gratifying to the nurses to know that that portion of the Pageant, which is to represent their Association, is to be preceded by the large and beautiful banner they are presenting to the Corporation, carried on its pole and cross bar with their fine brass work mountings.

We shall be glad to hear from any nurses who will be willing to help us to make the Pageant a success, either by doing clerical work at the office, or by undertaking to sell tickets to their friends and to members of the public.

Further arrangements will be announced at an early date.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

We are pleased to announce that the amount obtained from the sale of work, organised by the R.B.N.A. in aid of the above Fund, came to £140 9s. 3d. after all expenses were paid. When we add to this donations paid directly into the Fund as such, but which arose through the sale of work, the sum realised comes to close upon £200.

We regret that we were unable to acknowledge some of the work which was sent to us in the autumn as addresses were not forwarded with it. Particularly we should have wished to thank the donor of some lovely sketches in water colours. The Council propose that the nurses be asked to organise a similar sale next autumn, and we give this early intimation that it will take place, in order that they may have the more time to do work and to interest their friends.

We have also pleasure in announcing that the first Princess Christian annuity has been granted to a member of the R.B.N.A. We are only some £65 short of the sum required to complete the second annuity to be connected with the name of Her Royal Highness, and we hope that this sum will be added before the meeting of the Council, in July, at which fresh annuities will be granted. Every effort is made to promote this benevolent fund by methods that can in no way hurt the feelings of the nurses nor injure their status as members of the community, and the fact that the nurses can support their professional benevolent schemes has been most splendidly demonstrated by the large amounts which have been collected by the members of the Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., and which are vested in the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, the oldest Benevolent Fund for Nurses.

We would also remind nurses that, as there are no salaried officials, the whole of the amounts subscribed to the Fund go direct to sick and aged nurses except such sums as are paid for printing, the auditing of its cash books, and such incidental expenses.

THE NURSES' THANKSGIVING SERVICE.

There is no need to remind Members of the Association that a Thanksgiving Service for the passing of the Nurses' Registration Acts is to be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, at 7.15 p.m., on Friday this week. Those off duty will be only too eager to attend and take part in it.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

Miss Fisher, of the Royal Bank House, Glamis, has been awarded the Royal Red Cross after working five years in the Military Hospitals abroad. Miss Fisher joined this Association in 1910.

APPOINTMENT.

Miss C. Alice Barling has been appointed Superintendent of the Infant Welfare Centre at Handsworth, near Birmingham. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and was for some years Matron of the Ilford Isolation Hospital.

OBITUARY.

It is with regret that we have to report the death of Professor Fraser of Edinburgh and of Miss Broadbridge, Miss Duxbury, Mrs. Shaw, and Miss O'Farrell, all of whom were members of the Corporation.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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