

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## THE PRESIDENT AND THE PROFESSION OF NURSING.

The President, Her Royal Highness, Princess Christian, has graciously consented to receive, on New Year's Day, representatives of the Executive Committee and of the Affiliated Societies of Nurses, to convey personally to Her Royal Highness their sincere appreciation of her kind message of congratulation to all members of the Profession of Nursing on the declaration of the Royal Assent to the Nurses' Registration Bills.

### A NEW YEAR'S GREETING.

We wish all Members of the Association and of the Societies affiliated to it a year of much prosperity. Such a greeting seems to-day to mean so much more than in the past, for the Acts for State Registration give to the nurses immense power, and we hope that each in her own place will use her opportunity to make the year 1920 the first in a long period of prosperity for the profession and its Members.

### COMMEMORATION BANNER.

A few of the younger Members of the R.B.N.A. have formed themselves into a small Committee and are arranging to commemorate the passage of the Acts for State Registration by providing their Association with a Banner. The details of its design have not yet been fully considered, but the suggestion at present is that a large reproduction of the beautiful badge of the Association should be the principal feature. The badge lends itself to such a purpose very well indeed. The crown in the centre will be worked mostly in gold, and the national emblems of the four countries, between the arms of the cross, will be embroidered in their natural colours. The colours of the cross itself will depend of course on the colour chosen for the banner. Below the badge the motto of the Corporation will be embroidered in crimson on a scroll of cloth of gold. The banner will be mounted with fringe cord and tassels, and the pole and cross-bar will have brass *fleurs de-lis* at their ends. The nurses propose to have the Banner made at the Royal School of Art Needlework, and,

when it is finished, it is their intention to ask Her Royal Highness the President whether she will be graciously pleased to summon and preside at a Special Meeting of the Council, and to accept the Banner in the name of the Corporation.

The Members who have interested themselves in the scheme are exceedingly anxious that the Banner shall be a very beautiful one, as they hope that it will remain the property of the Corporation for centuries. They consider that every Member will wish to have some share in giving it to her Association, as it is to commemorate the passage of a reform which the R.B.N.A. Members have helped so very much to bring about. The subscriptions need not be large, but if everyone will give a little we shall have no difficulty in getting the sum required to get the banner and to cover the expenses connected with the scheme of the nurses. They desire us to state that all the subscriptions towards it should be forwarded to Miss Grace Anderson, M.R.B.N.A., c/o the Secretary, Royal British Nurses' Association, 10, Orchard Street, Portman Square, W.1.

### ENGAGEMENT.

We learn with pleasure of the engagement of Miss Jean Morris to Mr. C. S. Murray, son of the late Lieut.-Colonel C. S. Murray, of the Seventy-second Highlanders. The marriage is to take place on 4th February from the home of the bride, "Melbourne," Gorsebrook Road, Wolverhampton. Miss Morris is one of the most popular Sisters at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham. She has always taken a great interest in all that concerns her profession, and we are glad to learn that she intends to continue her membership of the Association. Her fellow members unite in wishing her and Mr. Murray every happiness.

### THE R.R.C.

The inequality and unfairness in recommendations for the R.R.C. have long caused dissatisfaction in nursing circles, and the *Poor Law Officers' Journal*, in the following paragraph shows how social influence and pressure can be brought to bear in this connection. It reports:—

"Mr. W. C. Ridgwell, who presided over the last meeting of the West Ham Guardians, said he

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