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NEWS FROM OUR AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

THE VISIT OF HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES TO ADELAIDE.

We have had several communications from members of our South Australian Branch in which references are made to the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Australia. One of them writes: "We are all very proud of our 'Digger Prince.' His Royal Highness has won the hearts of all. We (the South Australian Branch of the R.B.N.A.) presented him with a very fine address, indeed, it was one of the nicest His Royal Highness received in South Australia." The address was presented to His Royal Highness by Dr. Corbin (Chairman), Miss Graham, R.R.C. (Lady Consul of the R.B.N.A. in South Australia and Matron of the Adelaide Hospital) and Miss Penrose, Secretary of the South Australian Branch. Miss Graham, we are told, was especially pleased because His Royal Highness asked her all about the Diploma of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Members will remember that the Honorary Diploma was conferred upon Miss Graham by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the President, and the Council of the Corporation, when she was in this country after doing splendid work in Egypt and also in England during the war. Miss Molly Coleman has forwarded to us a copy of *The Australasian*, in which there appears, among many other interesting pictures, one showing His Royal Highness talking to Miss Bennalack. The latter is well known to many members of the parent Association, as they saw much of her at the office from time to time while she was doing military nursing. It will be remembered that she preceded Miss Penrose as Secretary of the Branch Association.

We learn that the announcement in the Journal some months ago that Dr. Mayo, a member of the Council in Adelaide, had the honour of being presented to Her Royal Highness the President, has given much pleasure to our fellow-members on the Island Continent.

The beautiful club house at Adelaide has, we learn, been completely re-decorated. Many reports reach us from members who have returned after their war work of how delightful they find the club and of how much they appreciate the hospitality and courtesy they meet with there. The official report of the Bi-Annual Meeting of the

Branch Association has not yet reached us, but we learn that opportunity was taken to hold on the same day a re-union of the members. There was a large attendance and it proved a very great success. In the course of the evening Miss Graham on behalf of the Branch Association, presented Miss Penrose, the Secretary, with a very beautiful wristlet watch. We join with our Australian members in expressing our appreciation of Miss Penrose's work for the Association and offer her hearty congratulations.

TRAINED NURSES ANNUITY FUND. A SPLENDID LEGACY.

A short time ago we reported that the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund was to benefit under the will of the late Mr. Septimus Daws, but we were unable to state precisely to what extent it would do so, as certain investments had not been realised. We now learn that the actual amount, which will be received from his residuary estate by the Council on behalf of the Fund, will be £1,977.2s. 10d. Mr. Daws was the cousin of a lady well known and very popular in the Royal British Nurses' Association—Miss Clara Lee. She herself has, from time to time, shown much generosity both to the Annuity Fund and to the R.B.N.A., of which last she has been a member for many years, and has been for long an ardent and consistent supporter of State Registration of Nurses. There is no one who has learnt of the announcement of the latest windfall to the Annuity Fund with greater pleasure than Miss Lee, while the Council feel a deep sense of gratitude indeed on receiving such a generous legacy for the benefit of those whose claims they have before them.

As there are a considerable number of articles remaining over from the Sale of Work, held last year, and as several members have written stating that they would be glad to buy certain articles at the Sale in November, should those be available, we propose having a jumble sale on Saturday, October 9th, from 2 to 7 p.m., at 10, Orchard Street, when those who attend will be able to get many pretty and useful articles at a very moderate cost. By having this preliminary sale we shall get a certain sum of money in hand with which to obtain articles, likely to be very readily bought at the larger sale which is to be held in November.

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