

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## PRESENTATION TO H.R.H. PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

On Friday, October 29th, Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Arthur of Connaught, with the Earl of Macduff, left for South Africa. Her Royal Highness had graciously consented that a deputation from the Royal British Nurses' Association, of which she is a Vice-President, should be admitted to that section of the platform at Waterloo where the Royal saloon stood, and Miss Alice Cattell, Member General Nursing Council for England and Wales, on behalf of our Members, conveyed to Her Royal Highness the good wishes of the Members of the Association and presented to her a beautiful bouquet of asparagus fern and carnations of deepening shades of pink, tied with a broad ribbon of red, white and blue. Her Royal Highness said that she was very touched and pleased that the Members of the Association should be on the platform to bid her Godspeed and, in accordance with Her Royal Highness' commands, we convey to the Members of the Association her heartfelt thanks for their good wishes and for their beautiful flowers. The Princess looked radiantly happy and "that darling little Scotch Earl," as one nurse described the Earl of Macduff, seemed thoroughly prepared to enjoy his long voyage. Among Members of the Royal Family on the platform we were pleased to see our own gracious President, the Princess Christian, and her daughters Princess Helena Victoria and Princess Marie Louise. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, in his charming way was also speeding his cousins on their mission of work for the Empire.

## TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

It has now been arranged that the Sale of Work in aid of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund will take place during the second week in December. Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian has graciously consented to open it again this year. A good deal of exceedingly pretty work has been sent to us, but still more articles are required if a sum equal to that of last year is to be realised. We shall be most grateful, therefore, to nurses who will send us pieces of work, as we are anxious to

found fresh Annuities at the earliest possible date in order to give relief to certain aged nurses who are requiring help. If those nurses, who have clever fingers, will just use their odd minutes between now and December next we have no doubt but that the sum of those minutes, when it comes to be reckoned in Treasury notes, will be such as to prove a source of much added comfort to some of our less fortunate fellow-nurses.

Miss Alice Cattell asks us to inform the nurses that she hopes to take charge of the camisole stall and that she will be glad of any contributions to this. We have little doubt but that she will receive some very dainty articles and that many of her numerous friends among the nurses will set their needles to work in order to help her to make her special section of the Sale a success.

We have received, through Miss Breay, a box of dainty and charming articles for the sale of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, from Miss M. Burgess, and the Health Visitors working under the Public Health Department, Burnley. They are: Bedsocks, Miss Burgess; tray cloth, Miss Fletcher; handkerchief cases, Miss Heap and Miss Elwell; boudoir cap, Miss Booth; Dorothy bag, Miss Fermhough; table centre, Miss Firth.

We request nurses to send names and addresses with their work. Several parcels have been received without them, and therefore it has not been in our power to thank the generous donors personally, much as we felt that we should like to do so.

## THE HOURS OF EMPLOYMENT BILL. SHOULD THE NURSES REMAIN IN IT OR NOT?

The question of an eight-hours' day (or a forty-eight hours' week) is claiming the attention of Nurses very urgently at the present time and so once more we invite expressions of opinion on the subject. Under the Hours of Employment Bill, as at present drafted by the Minister of Labour, Nurses who have contracts of service come under the provisions of the Bill. A scheme has been put forward by the Council of the College of Nursing to introduce, into the Bill a special order (or clause) whereby, while the maximum hours of work per week in other sections of the community shall be

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