

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## A MISUNDERSTANDING.

It has been brought to our notice by one of our members that the announcement that the Association has closed its Register for English Nurses has led to the belief, in the minds of some of them, that nurses can no longer become members of the Royal British Nurses' Association. This is a mistaken assumption. The R.B.N.A. was the first body to keep a Register of Trained Nurses, and, under the "Purposes and Powers" clause of its Charter of Incorporation, it still has power to do so. But, now that State Registers are being established in the three kingdoms, the position is greatly altered, and the General Council of the Corporation have decided that it would tend to confuse both nurses and the public were the Association to continue to promote its voluntary Register. Also, as a body incorporated by a Charter, granted under the sign manual of a Sovereign of the Realm, it is a question whether it would be acting either with loyalty or wisdom were it to continue a piece of work analogous to that which has been entrusted to a statutory body set up by Parliament. The Council considered that when, at last, an Act for State Registration had been won, the functions of the Corporation as a registering body were at an end.

This decision of the Council, however, does not affect its Roll of Members; that is to be maintained as heretofore, and any nurse who desires admission to it must make application to the Secretary, who will send her the necessary forms and have her application laid before the Executive Committee. We hope, at an early date, to publish an article, placing before nurses the benefits of organisation, but meantime we advise all who have a desire to improve the conditions of working nurses to join at once the Royal British Nurses' Association, and so help to use the powers which the Charter places in the hands of the nurses if they will but exert themselves to use them.

## THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The Annual Report of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund shows good progress. The list of investments has been very considerably added to, and the legacy of nearly £2,000 from the late Mr. Septimus Daws (cousin of Miss Clara Lee, a

much respected and popular member of the R.B.N.A.) will prove a very substantial foundation upon which to grant several fresh annuities. Those nurses who sent us work last year will be glad to know that, as a result of the Sale held on the afternoon of December 15th last, the sum of £150 was realised.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Fund, in a statement incorporated in the Report, makes the following acknowledgment of the Council's indebtedness to its Chairman, Mr. Montagu Price, D.L.:—"By placing at the service of my Council his wide knowledge of business affairs, much trouble and anxiety is spared to those responsible for the administration of the Fund, while, owing to his kindness in transacting all business connected with our investments, a much larger sum is available annually for the relief of sick and aged nurses than would be the case but for those services which he so freely renders to us."

## AN AFTERNOON IN ANCIENT EGYPT.

As intimated in the last issue of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, Miss Margaret Murray (Assistant to Professor Flinders Petrie) has very kindly consented to conduct a party of nurses over the wonderful Egyptian Collection at University College, Gower Street. The collection is second to none in the world, and the beautiful works of art there are such as to lead one to ask whether modern civilisation has so much cause to be proud of its progress in the arts and crafts, or whether it is indeed true that Egypt has forgotten more than the Western world ever knew. Miss Murray won the hearts of our nurses a year or two ago, when she conducted them over the collection and explained its treasures, and many will look forward to the treat which she has promised them on Saturday, 26th inst. The tour will commence at 2.30 p.m. prompt, as she wishes us to catch the daylight, and so to see the full beauty of the craft of Ancient Egypt.

A colleague of Miss Murray's has also kindly agreed to take round some of the nurses, but, even so, it is only possible to have a limited number at one time. The Secretary will be glad, therefore, if those nurses who particularly wish to attend will send their names up to the office of the Royal British Nurses' Association *at once*.

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