

of war. Arrived in Egypt, it was not long before Miss Graham was appointed to the charge of Luna Park, Cairo, a military hospital of some 1,600 beds. After several months' service there she returned on a transport to Australia, and was shortly afterwards sent to England, having been appointed to the Military Hospital at Dartford. In 1918 Miss Graham returned to Australia, and was demobilised in August of that year. During her active-service career she was twice mentioned in despatches, and received the Royal Red Cross at the hands of the King at Buckingham Palace. She was also awarded the Honorary Diploma of the Royal British Nurses Association, a very beautiful civil decoration and rare distinction, which has been presented to only five ladies, in recognition of their services to the nursing world. Anyone who is familiar with Miss Graham's career can vouch for the service she has rendered to the nursing profession in South Australia and her knowledge of nursing work is attested by the fact that during the time she has filled the post of Matron of the Adelaide Hospital something like 3,000 nurses have passed through her hands. That Miss Graham is a woman of exceptional ability is acknowledged on all hands, and the high offices to which she has been appointed during the strenuous hours of the Empire's history are in themselves a guarantee of the trust reposed in her capacity for organisation by "the powers that be." A keen sense of fairness has characterised her throughout her career, and when she has made up her mind to do a certain thing she has always had the courage to carry it out. Her work in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association will ever be remembered with gratitude by the nursing profession in South Australia, as it has always made for the protection and advancement of a class of noble women. After many years of hard work and worry Miss Graham now proposes to take a well-earned rest and hopes shortly to revisit the Homeland. Whether she will take up her residence there permanently remains to be seen; but wherever she decides to settle, the one wish of her many friends in the Nursing Profession will be that she may be spared to live many years to wear the distinction His Majesty conferred upon her—the highest that can be awarded in the Nursing World—the Royal Red Cross.

### REPRESENTATION OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION

#### AT THE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee had before it, at its Meeting on the 10th inst., a communication from the General Nursing Council for England and Wales inviting the Corporation to send a Representative to the Conference which is to be held at the Rooms of the Royal Society of Medicine on April 28th, and to which Matrons and Representa-

tives of the various Nurses' Organisations are being invited. The Executive Committee appointed Miss Margaret Breay to attend as the delegate of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and the nurses could have no more able representative, for Miss Breay understands every aspect of the State Registration movement from its beginnings, and, in no small measure, it is due to her efforts that an Act for the State Registration of Trained Nurses is now upon the Statute Book.

In the morning the Conference will discuss matters connected with General Training, and in the afternoon, the subjects for consideration will be the Supplementary Parts of the Register in conjunction with Reciprocal Training.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—“Stand upon Thy Feet” impressed me as being such a splendid and courageous explanation of the misleading, shameful and so-called charity scheme for poor nurses, I feel that I must acknowledge it in a practical form, so will you kindly put the enclosed cheque to whatever Fund you consider requires it most.

Every good wish to you, trusting that strength and patience will not fail you in the splendid work you are endeavouring to accomplish.

Yours very sincerely,

ROSE CONWAY.

MADAM,—As my pension has to-day been raised by 50 per cent., I send you the enclosed cheque for £5. I always take a great interest in the R.B.N.A., but I am not in a position to help much, and am too far off to attend the meetings as I should like to do. I am very glad to help now, at any rate, whatever I may be able to do in the future.

Yours truly,

A. R.

### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We remind our members that, when forwarding their subscriptions, many of which are still unpaid, it is necessary, if the form sent from the office is used instead of a letter, to fill in the sender's name and address in the space set aside for the purpose. Every year subscriptions reach us with forms which are not filled up, and which have to be laid aside while the money goes through the books without an entry of the subscriber's name. It is only when a second reminder goes to her that we are able to trace the source of such subscriptions and thus much unnecessary trouble arises both for the nurses and for their office staff.

There are still a number of subscriptions due for 1921, and we shall be grateful if those, from whom they are owing, will forward them as soon as possible.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

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