

very particularly. My Association has a larger membership of Australian nurses than any other organisation of nurses in Great Britain, and, owing to this, and in remembrance that this magnificent gift of £2,000 was given in recognition of kindness received by nurses from Australia, when in England during the war, I now wish the English Members of my Association to do everything they can to make the nurses from that great Dominion, and indeed from all our Dominions, feel that they are always most cordially welcome at the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club, that they have indeed the same warm welcome that numbers of them experienced during the war at what has until now been known as Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses. I know that you will all bear in mind my wishes in regard to this matter.

I am sure that it is the desire of all Members of the Corporation that I should convey to Sir Harold Boulton and to his Committee your sincere thanks for their splendid gift, and also that I should assure them that each one of the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association—for you, as such, become the custodians of this gift—will value it and try to use it in such a way that it shall be of real value to the Profession of Nursing.

With sincere good wishes and congratulations,

Sincerely yours,
HELENA,
*President of the Royal British
Nurses' Association.*

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

At a Special Meeting of the General Council, held by command of Her Royal Highness the President, it was agreed that the Corporation take over the lease of 194, Queen's Gate, and directions were given that the Seal of the Corporation be affixed to the lease. Her Royal Highness and the Executive Committee have, for a number of weeks, been conducting negotiations, with a view to securing the lease of this beautiful house, just one minute's walk from Kensington Gardens.

Two Resolutions were proposed from the Chair by Miss Mildred Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., and carried by acclamation. The first expressed the desire of the General Council, on behalf of the Association, to convey to Her Royal Highness, the Princess Christian, their most sincere thanks for all that she has done in connection with the negotiations for acquiring the house at 194, Queen's Gate, as the Headquarters and Club of the Association, and the second asked Her Royal Highness to convey to Sir Harold Boulton, Chairman of

Queen Mary's Hostel, and to his Committee, the sincere thanks of the General Council for the gift of the furniture and equipment at 194, Queen's Gate.

In forthcoming issues of the official organ of the Association, we shall give further descriptions and photographs of the new home of the R.B.N.A., for the benefit of Members living in the country and abroad.

NURSES CLOSE UP YOUR RANKS!

We insert this week an Application Form for Membership of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and we hope that many nurses will make use of it in order that they may be Members of the Corporation when, on the 15th instant, it moves into its new premises. Nothing will give to the existing members of the Association more pleasure, in connection with the splendid Easter Gift which they have received, or show greater sympathy with the new scheme, upon which the Association is embarking, than to find, at the forthcoming meeting of the Membership Selection Committee a long list of applications from nurses for Membership of the Association. On page vi is inserted the Form of Application for Membership, and we hope that many nurses will show their spirit of good comradeship with the R.B.N.A. nurses by filling up this form and sending it to the office of the Corporation without delay.

To those readers of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING who are already Members, the Application Form affords opportunity for helping the Association in a very practical way. We hope that, this week, each one who reads the official organ of her Association will promptly detach the form above referred to, and forward it to some nurse whom she knows, advising the latter to become a Member of the Corporation. This will involve the sacrifice of only a very little time and trouble, but the sum of a united effort of this kind will be of the greatest value indeed to the Association and the work which it is about to undertake. We request all Members who are good enough to help us in this way, to be so kind as to write their own names on the back of the form, as we like to know who the nurses are who work for the upbuilding of their Association; every name added to its Roll adds to its power to promote the best interests of the Profession and of the nurses themselves.

The R.B.N.A. Headquarters and Nurses' Club will be officially opened at an early date.

THE R.B.N.A. AND THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES' BOARD.

Under the amended constitution of the Central Midwives' Board the Association is not in the list of bodies which have the right to send a representative to the Central Midwives' Board, and, in the course of last summer, Dr. Addison, the then Minister of Health, invited the Association to nominate two

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