

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION. THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

By the time this issue reaches our readers the Royal British Nurses' Association will have taken over 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., as headquarters and a Nurses' Club—a rapid flitting which necessitates prompt organisation. But the stars in their courses appear to be fighting for the pioneer Nurses' Association, as the following announcement will prove.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee held on Tuesday, Miss Beatrice Cutler was appointed Home Sister to the Club, and together with Miss Macdonald, will be soon actively engaged getting it ready for the reception of members at the earliest possible date. With two such able women at the helm, the success of this great undertaking should be assured; everyone who knows them holds them in the warmest admiration and respect.

Upon the suggestion of Her Royal Highness the President, a small House Committee was elected. The financial arrangements of the Club were considered, and it was agreed that for a period of three months all members of the Association would be admitted as members of the Club on preferential terms of £1 1s. entrance fee, and an annual subscription of £1 1s.. The fees for non-members of the Association will be announced at an early date. We are asked to announce that a few of the Matrons attending the General Nursing Council Conference on April 28 can be accommodated at the Club.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

The quarterly meeting of the Matrons' Council will be held, on the kind invitation of Mrs. Walter Spencer, at 2, Portland Place, London, W., on Saturday, April 30th, at 3 p.m. Mrs. Spencer, who for some years acted as Hon. Treasurer of the Council, always takes a warm interest in its welfare, and there is sure to be a good attendance in response to her invitation, as she is very popular with the members, and an ideal hostess. Miss Macdonald has consented to speak on the aims of the Royal British Nurses' Association New Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W., in which we feel sure the members of the Matrons' Council will be greatly interested. Residential Hostels are a very great need for all professional women workers, and London does not yet meet the requirements of trained nurses. Through last autumn we knew of many excellent private nurses who returned to institution work or emigrated, owing to the constant worry of finding house-room between their cases—just when they needed rest and home comforts.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund, it was unanimously agreed that the income for 1921 should be expended in welcoming all members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses at dinner on the evening of April 28th who attend the Conference on Nursing Education upon the invitation of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, to be held in London on that date. The late Isla Stewart supported for upwards of twenty years the nurses' demand for the organisation of their profession by Act of Parliament—in those far-off days, when the leaders of this reform were met by so much opposition. Had this liberal minded woman lived to see the realisation of her work, she would assuredly have been a member of the General Nursing Council, and taking a leading part in the great Conference promoted by it. The active members of the Committee of the Memorial Fund feel that to meet and associate the name of Isla Stewart with a gathering of the delegates of the League she founded, would be a gathering after her own hospitable heart.

Members of the Bart's League who are invited and who intend to attend the Conference, and who are able to accept the invitation of the Committee of the Fund, should write to Mrs. Shiuter, Hon. Treasurer, Cleveland House, Chiswick Lane, Chiswick, London, W.4, and inform her that they hope to be present, when further information of the function will be sent to them. League Badges will be worn.

GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Much interest is being aroused in the Conference convened by the General Nursing Council to be held in the house of the Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, London, W., on April 28th. The *Poor Law Officers' Journal* expresses the hope that guardians having training schools for nurses will officially appoint their Hospital Matrons and Superintendent Nurses to attend the Conference, and will pay them reasonable out-of-pocket expenses—railway fares and subsistence allowance—in making the attendance, and expresses the view that such payments would be a legitimate charge upon the common fund of the Union, as they would be incurred in the interest of the training school. Our contemporary points out that the Matrons and Superintendent Nurses at such schools have received invitations to the Conference direct from the Nursing Council, so they will be entitled to attend; but if they

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