

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND OF ITS AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Her Royal Highness the President and the General Council of the Corporation request the pleasure of your company at the opening of the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club, at 194, Queen's Gate, on Wednesday, May 18th, at 4 p.m.

### OPENING OF THE R.B.N.A. CLUB.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Corporation, has graciously announced that she will open the new Club of the Association on May 18th next at 4 p.m. Her Highness the Princess Marie Louise has also promised to be present. We ask our members to make careful note of the invitation inserted above and to do their utmost to make it possible to be present at the opening of their beautiful new Headquarters and Club. After the speech, in which she will declare the Club open, Her Royal Highness will, in accordance with a wish which has been expressed by some of the nurses, place in position a brass tablet similar to one already inset in the panelling of the room in which the Opening Ceremony will take place. The latter plate commemorates the gift of the Australian Red Cross Society to Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses, and the visit of Her Majesty to it in March, 1920. The tablet, which is to be placed on the adjoining panel is to commemorate the opening of 194, Queen's Gate as the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club by Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, first President of the Corporation.

The Club will be open for inspection by visitors from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and from 2 to 4 p.m. on the two days succeeding the Opening, and we ask our members to make this known to other nurses. All nurses who are not members of the Corporation and who desire to be present should write to the Secretary and she will have pleasure in forwarding a ticket which will admit them on the 18th. Miss Cutler will be very grateful indeed if members will send her flowers and green leaves for decorating the rooms on the opening day. The reception rooms are very large and so she will be glad to receive quantities of flowers. Perhaps some of the

private nurses in the country could interest their patients in this matter.

### A GENEROUS GIFT.

The beautiful Banner of the Association finds a very suitable setting in the panelled walls of 194, Queen's Gate, but some of the nurses have expressed anxiety in case the delicate silks, used in the embroidery, and the cloth of gold in the scroll and badge may become tarnished by the London smoke, if the banner is allowed to hang in its present position without a cover for long.

After a discussion on this subject, one of the members, Miss Cecilia Liddiatt, has most generously given instructions that a large glass case shall be ordered to be made, that it shall be placed on the wall, that the banner shall be hung in it, and that the account for making the case shall be rendered to her. The case is to be considerably larger than the banner, so that the effect of its fine fleur-de-lis on the crossbar and its long cords and tassels, which add very considerably to its beauty, may not be lost. Miss Liddiatt's gift will give her fellow-members great pleasure, for it has often been a matter of regret that the banner which they presented to their Association to commemorate the passage of an Act for State Registration was usually only in evidence on special occasions. No member of the Corporation is more keenly interested in Nursing organisation than Miss Liddiatt and she gives to her Association and its policy not lip service only, for our books show periodically very large donations from her. This latest gift from Miss Liddiatt, who practises as a private nurse, will be a very costly and beautiful one, and, at the same time, a very acceptable one, for it means that the Association's "colours" will now be always in use and that all visitors and all members of the Corporation will have an opportunity of seeing their historic Banner.

At the request of her fellow-members we offer to Miss Liddiatt their sincere thanks.

### FOR THE LOUNGE.

Mrs. Hayes-Palmer, of 169, Queen's Gate, very kindly sent to us, on Sunday afternoon last, a quantity of delightful and up-to-date illustrated papers, and some recent copies of *Punch* for the nurses.

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