

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THIS SUPPLEMENT BEING THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CORPORATION.

GREETINGS FROM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT TO THE MEMBERS.

78, Pall Mall, S.W. 1,
25th December.

MY DEAR MISS MACDONALD,

I am so touched by, and grateful for, the lovely flowers sent me by the Association.

Please express my sincere thanks, and also my *best* wishes to *all* for happiness and prosperity.

Always

Most sincerely yours,
HELENA.

TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The Sale of Work, held in aid of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund on Wednesday, 15th ult., was very successful. In asking Her Royal Highness, the Princess Christian, to declare the Sale open, Mr. Price gave a brief resumé of the work of the Fund during the past few years. He referred to the splendid help given by the Army nurses since the commencement of the war in establishing Annuities. He also referred to the affiliation of the Fund with the Royal British Nurses' Association and said that it had never prospered so well as it had since that took place. Previous to the affiliation in 1918 the invested capital amounted to about £20,000, since then it had risen to £29,000. Mr. Price said that more and more was it likely that the maintenance of this Fund would become the responsibility of the nurses themselves and it was right that it should be so.

Her Royal Highness, in declaring the Sale open, referred to the great interest which she had always taken in the Fund. Unostentatiously it was doing most splendid and helpful work and she was glad to see so many evidences that the younger nurses had been working very hard for those now disabled.

The presence, at the Sale of Work, of the Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales gave the nurses great pleasure and several have remarked how much it has gratified them that the first public function in the nursing profession which he has attended, since he was

appointed Chairman of the General Nursing Council by the Minister of Health, should have been that held in aid of the oldest benevolent scheme for nurses and one in which they take a great interest.

Everyone remarked how beautiful the work was which the nurses had sent in and, as the sum realised is over £140, those responsible for the Fund felt that the afternoon had been very usefully spent. Once more we thank our Members for the beautiful gifts they have sent us; those gifts will bring much added help and comfort to their less fortunate fellow-nurses.

CONFERENCE ON BURNING QUESTIONS.

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The Conference on the above subject held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., on December 3rd, concluded with a Resolution on the Rules for Registration.

RESOLUTION IV.

RULES FOR STATE REGISTRATION.

The last Resolution, which dealt with the Rules for State Registration, was moved by Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and was as follows:

(a) That, as the Nurses' Registration Acts do not provide for automatic registration, this Meeting desires to emphasise the imperative necessity that the Rules shall provide for equivalent standards of qualification for registration, between the General Nursing Councils of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland.

(b) That, as there is no provision in the Nurses' Registration Act for inequality of fee for registration, this Meeting considers that the maximum of one guinea provided in the Act should be charged to all candidates for registration, as the national work of the Council cannot be self-supporting on a lower fee.

Moreover, as registration carries with it the privilege of voting for the elected professional members of the Council, English Nurses are of opinion that preferential treatment, in this connection, for nurses trained in Scotland and Ireland would be unjust to those trained in England and Wales.

This Meeting of Trained Nurses respectfully urges the Minister of Health to agree to the Rules, in these particulars, unanimously approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

MISS MACDONALD said she proposed to speak very briefly in moving this resolution. It was good evidence of the topsyturveydom of the nursing

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