

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THE CLUB AND ITS ACTIVITIES.

The holiday season is gradually drawing to its close, and we hope that Members of the Association will now turn to their Club for that rest and recreation which all require if the effect of the holidays is to be lasting. We shall announce at some later date the lectures and social gatherings which are to take place during the Autumn and Winter months, and meantime shall be glad to receive, from nurses, any suggestions as to what special activities they would like their Association and its Club to undertake during the coming season.

We have just heard that Miss Christie, of Cowden Castle, Perthshire, has promised to give one of the lectures. Miss Christie is not only a famous Eastern traveller, but she is a very fascinating speaker, and we look forward very much to her lecture, which will be illustrated by lantern views of places she has visited. Incidentally we may state that she has penetrated into parts of Central Asia which have been visited by no other woman traveller. We are also requesting other well-known people to lecture before the Association, but hope some of the nurses themselves will undertake to give addresses on their special subjects. Mr. Paterson, the Medical Honorary Secretary of the Corporation, has very kindly promised to "get up an evening" for us.

But, apart from these, we hope that nurses will individually co-operate in making the Club a real gathering place for the Corporation. Nothing could tend more to foster the feelings of comradeship that exist among its Members than the determination, on the part of each one, to have her share in the life of its Club, and so to come into actual personal touch with the Association. We therefore suggest that each Member resident in London should endeavour to spend at least one evening in the week at her Club, and that each one resident in the provinces should make a point of giving herself, every year, one holiday—even if it be but a week-end—at the Club. Apart from the fact that this will bring her so much more into the actual life of her Association, the Club offers splendid opportunities for entertaining one's friends in town. It is within easy reach of all the places of interest in London, and a visit to it is likely to lead to new friendships and to send one back to work with that mental refreshment which a trip to London cannot fail to give.

We very much hope therefore that, both for their sakes and our own, the Members will consider our suggestion and, in return, we will use every effort possible to make their visits to the Club as full of enjoyment and pleasure as we can; we London Members will look forward very greatly to making the acquaintance of many whom we have often wished to meet but, so far, have only known through the medium of a pen or a typewriter.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The work parties in connection with the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund will commence again on Monday the 12th inst., at 7.30 p.m. The Annual Sale of Work on behalf of the Fund takes place in the late autumn and, owing to the greatly increased amount of work which the office staff have had to cope with during the past six months, the preparations for the sale are not nearly so advanced as we should have liked. We hope therefore that every member who can will come to those work parties in order that we may have soon a large stock of articles in readiness for the Sale. The money obtained for those contributed by members of the Association will be used towards founding the Amy Elizabeth Good Annuity, and we hope, through the forthcoming Sale, to complete the full amount required for this purpose, because, as will be remembered, when the nurses of the R.B.N.A. decided that there should be an Annuity to the memory of "An Unknown Nurse," her Royal Highness the President commanded that the amount then collected towards the foundation of the third "Princess Christian Annuity" should go instead towards founding the Annuity which was to perpetuate the memory of the little working nurse who had so many friends among her co-workers in the Association and who was taken so early from their ranks. We trust that the remembrance of this gracious act of Her Royal Highness and her appreciation of their desire to keep alive the memory of one of their fellow members will inspire the R.B.N.A. nurses to do what they can to make the forthcoming Sale a success. The Princess, with that practical sympathy which she gives to all the efforts of the nurses, has said that she herself will do some work to help in founding this particular Annuity.

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