

**TO THE R.B.N.A. MEMBERS.**

Miss Steuart Donaldson, the newly-appointed Matron of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, has asked us to convey to the members of the Association, through its official organ, her thanks for all the kindness they have shown to her in connection with her appointment and for the "splendid send-off" she received from the Corporation. Miss Donaldson writes that she misses her Association and the Club very much, but looks forward to meeting old friends when she returns to London for a holiday. We shall look forward to that time with great pleasure.

**GIFTS TO THE CLUB.**

Lady Boulton, Books; Misses Dunne, Jackson and Teller, Flowers; Miss Cattell, Plants and Flowers; Mrs. Macdonald, Chicken; Miss Hulme, Flowers and Vases.

**TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.**

Members are reminded that the weekly work parties in aid of this Benevolent Fund have recommenced, and we hope that many will make a point of attending on Monday evenings at 7.30 p.m. The Sale of Work will take place at the end of November.

**MARRIAGES.**

On the 14th instant, Miss Elizabeth Catherine Banks, Diplômée of the R.B.N.A., was married to Mr. F. G. Stephens. We wish both bride and bridegroom much happiness.

**NAPOLEONIC STUDY.**

As has already been intimated a member of the Napoleon Coterie is to give a Lecture on the subject of Napoleon towards the close of October.

There is little doubt that the Lecture will inspire many in the audience to study the life and character of the greatest personality in European history since the time of Cæsar.

The following are books recommended to students by the Napoleon Coterie:—

"Napoleon: The First Phase," by Oscar Browning; "Napoleon: The Last Phase," by Lord Rosebery; "Memoirs of Napoleon," by the Duchess D'Abrantes (Madame Junot); "Napoleon and His Fellow Travellers," by Clement Shorter; "The Mind of Napoleon," by Harold F. B. Wheeler; "The Illness and Death of Napoleon," by Dr. Arnold Chaplin; "The Consulate and Empire," by M. A. Thiers.

**CORRESPONDENCE.****TO MEMBERS WHO LOVE FLOWERS.**

*To the Secretary R.B.N.A.*

DEAR MADAM,—I read Miss Liddiatt's letter to members who love flowers, with great pleasure. I agree with what she says about making the very most of our opportunities for cultivating them at the Club. Will you allow me to make a suggestion? Why not start a subscription with this object in view and so give to all the members a chance of beautifying their Club? It would be money well spent. I know I will very gladly subscribe, and

hope others will do their best to help swell the fund.

Yours, &c.,

FLORENCE KENT.

NOTE.—We have received other letters on this subject and think it would be very delightful if a few of the London members would take charge of the conservatory. It would soon become very beautiful indeed, especially if each member, who cannot take part in caring for the plants, would, at least, send a small donation to buy these. We have had a very kind letter from Miss Rose Conway, a very active member of the R.B.N.A., in which she also expresses approval of Miss Liddiatt's letter and sends a generous subscription. We have already used this to buy bulbs which, we hope, will, by Christmas-time, have transformed themselves into beautiful and dainty Roman hyacinths.

**REGISTERED UNIFORM.**

*To the Secretary R.B.N.A.*

DEAR MADAM,—A number of Members of the R.B.N.A. have seats on the General Nursing Council, and as a Member of the Association I wish through the Journal to urge upon them the need for using their best efforts to hurry on the business of procuring for the Trained Nurses a proper Registered Uniform and Badge. We are constantly urged to get our names on the Register. There will be no more effective means of inducing us to do so than by giving us a recognised uniform which will protect us from being classed with the women hanging on to Tommy Atkins' arm or wheeling a perambulator with a greasy-looking blue handkerchief on her head and absurd shoes and stockings.

It is many months since we were invited to send up ideas as to the Badge and Uniform—many of us did so and there it ended. Many of us know what the value of the Registration Act will be, but there are others who believe only what they see with their eyes, and a uniform which the unqualified cannot wear will do far more to convince them that something really has been accomplished than anything else the Central Nursing Council can do. There are nurses who every week open their Journal in the hope that information will at last be forthcoming as to the uniform which we are to wear. It is because I know how strongly the nurses desire a uniform of their own that I am raising this point, and after considering what I could do I decided that the best course would be to insert my letter in my Association's Official Organ, and therefore in the Journal which did so widely spread the knowledge of the need for the Registration Act. By doing so I am convinced that at least every one of my fellow members of the R.B.N.A. who has a seat on the G.N.C. will be informed of our urgent desire to have our uniform protected. Every day we see new evidence for the need for this.

I am, Yours truly,

A PRIVATE NURSE.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
*Secretary to the Corporation.*

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