

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THIS SUPPLEMENT BEING THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CORPORATION.

THE R.B.N.A. AND THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL.

The following Resolutions have been forwarded to the Right Hon. Sir Alfred Mond, the Minister of Health, by the Executive Committee of the Association:—

LIST OF ELECTORATE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE.

1. "The Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association desire to point out to the Minister of Health the unfairness of holding the election to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, which is to be the governing body of the Nursing Profession for the next five years, until the list of nurses entitled to vote is available to those asking for the suffrages of the electors, and they earnestly urge the Minister to arrange for the publication of a list of Registered Nurses at a reasonable time before the time fixed for nominations."

THE PRESCRIBED SYLLABUS.

2. "The Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association desire respectfully to urge the Minister of Health to sign forthwith the prescribed Syllabus of General Training approved by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales."

"NOT FORGOTTEN."

On Saturday last the Domestic Staff at the Club entertained the gentlemen of St. Dunstan's. Those responsible for the bill of fare had worked most enthusiastically, with the result that before the hour at which the guests were to arrive tables were groaning under every sort of delicacy—great creamy trifles, ices, jellies, and creams of all sorts, daintily decorated with crystallised fruits, made one wish that just for a moment the men might see and realise something of the pains taken to give them a really happy time.

Dancing commenced soon after the guests arrived at six o'clock; and Miss Perkins (a member of the Office Staff) and her friends played delightfully the dance music for the first part of the evening. An hour or so later the nurses in residence served a meal for the hostesses and their

guests, and there was much good-natured banter in connection with their efforts to master the gentle art of serving; at least, we congratulate them on giving to the staff of the dining room a practical illustration of how much trifle really can find accommodation on one plate. After dinner came the Jazz Band from Queen Alexandra's House, the members of which are students at the Royal College of Music, and the dancing began once again with fresh vigour, and occasional intervals of singing. Speeches followed, productive of more merriment; and then, after singing "Auld Lang Syne" and the National Anthem, a very gay gathering began to disperse to the strains as they passed downstairs of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

LECTURES.

THE CITY GUILDS, PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE.

There was a very large attendance of Members of the Corporation at the Lecture given by Major Rigg, O.B.E., on 7th instant. Unfortunately the limitations of space prevent us from giving more than a very short summary of what the nurses regard as one of the most interesting addresses we have yet had. Miss Kathleen Smith, Matron of the London Temperance Hospital, occupied the chair, and, in addressing those present, said that Major Rigg required no introduction to the Members of the R.B.N.A. He had shown many kindnesses to the Corporation and had given more than one splendid address to its Members.

Major Rigg's references to the power and splendour of the City Guilds in olden times was a revelation as regards the early traditions of the Companies who still have important rights and privileges, and elect the Lord Mayor, Sheriffs and Aldermen of the City of London. In olden days, said Major Rigg, the Guilds were London and London was the Guilds. But then came the Reformation, and almost the whole of the Companies' Trust estates changed masters with the change of religion; gradually it became more and more the custom of the State to introduce laws which allowed of the extraction of money from the City Companies. They became a regular source of financial supply, and the Government pressed for money with a greed and injustice that threatened to exhaust altogether the resources of these, at one time, wealthy Guilds.

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