

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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THE NEW YEAR.

We offer to all our members our most cordial good wishes for much prosperity and happiness in 1923.

THE PRESENT ELECTION OF NURSE REPRESENTATIVES.

The election of the new General Nursing Council is once more in progress and we urge all our members to take it seriously, although the blunders which have arisen in connection with the last have led a good many to feel that the General Nursing Council is not likely to have the standing to which we hoped it would attain and which undoubtedly it ought to have acquired had the Act been administered with greater justice and care, and with a proper realisation of the claims of the nurses to have first consideration under its provisions. The Council, which will take office next month, will be the governing body of the profession for the next five years, and, therefore, nurses should give careful consideration to the policy of the various candidates, and, in connection with those who had seats on the last Council, should ascertain what position they took in matters vital to the protection of the qualifications of trained nurses. It is not personal acquaintance-ship or friendship which should count when deciding how one will vote, but principles and policy are the things that are of the most vital importance. Much is being said about the advisability of having a Council that is harmonious but that is not the first consideration, and the person who goes into office prepared always to be on the side of the majority is likely to have a pretty comfortable time and to serve her own interests much better than those of the people she represents. No one enjoys strife and we hope there may be little occasion for it in the future, but it is vital to the well-being of the profession that nurses should see to it that they have among their representatives those who have the courage to work single-heartedly, to maintain the quality of the Register, and the protection and progress of the nurses.

A VISIT TO THE LONDON MUSEUM.

It has been arranged that we shall have a "Ramblers' Club" in connection with the Association and that, during the winter months, places

of interest in London will be visited; during the summer picnic parties in the country will be organised. It has been decided to pay a visit to the London Museum, Lancaster House, S.W., on Wednesday, 17th inst. To reach it take a short walk from Charing Cross along the Mall, St. James's Park, and turn to the right just before arriving near the Queen Victoria Memorial. Nurses who wish to join the party should reach Lancaster House at 2.30 p.m. on the 17th inst.

The Museum contains many antiquities, found in various excavations in London, relics of the troublous times of the Tudors and Stuarts, galleries filled with old State robes, uniforms and costumes, and there are many other fascinating sections. We hope that all members of the Association who can will be at Lancaster House promptly at 2.30 p.m. to meet the members from the Club.

MEMORIAL TO DR. BOWLAN.

A memorial is being raised to the late Dr. Bowlan, formerly Medical Superintendent of St. George's-in-the-East Infirmary. A number of nurses trained at the Infirmary have expressed a wish to subscribe and it is felt that there may be others who hold its certificate and who are readers of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, who would like to send subscriptions. If so, they should communicate with the Matron of the Hospital.

NEWS FROM SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly report of the South Australian Branch has just reached us. As was anticipated, the establishment of a State Register has, for the present, reduced the number of applicants for membership of this Dominion's Branch of the Chartered Corporation, but nevertheless the report for the past six months is fairly satisfactory. The Committee record with regret the resignation of Miss Graham, R.R.C., as Lady Consul in Adelaide, owing to her prolonged residence in England. It was with gratification that they received the consent of Mrs. Martin to act in her place. Congratulations and good wishes are offered to Misses Dunsmore, Perring, Thomas and Treasure, who were married during the year, and to Misses Baker, Boundy, Buckhurst, Burns, Carter, Hanton, Marsh Stirling, Turner, Uncle and Vickery on their new

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