

DEPUTATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY MEDICAL COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Recently the Council of the Association requested the Parliamentary Medical Committee of the House of Commons to receive a Deputation to lay before it the views of the Association with reference to the suggestions made by the Committee for widening the power of access to the State Register. In the opinion of the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association these suggestions were dangerous to the quality and standards of the State Register and calculated, should they come into operation, to prejudice very greatly the position of highly qualified nurses who had registered on the understanding that a certain minimum standard of training set up by the Council was to be adhered to.

The Deputation went to the House on Monday last and was introduced by Mr. Herbert Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., who laid before the Parliamentary Medical Committee the point of view of members of the Medical Profession in connection with the qualifications for admission to the Register. The other members of the Deputation were Sir Alfred Rice-Oxley, Miss Cattell, Miss Denham and Miss Isabel Macdonald.

MARRIAGE.

On April 17th a wedding of some interest to a certain number of Members of the R.B.N.A. was solemnised at Launceston Wesleyan Church, when Miss Nellie Burt Lillecrapp, M.R.B.N.A., daughter of the late Mr. Lillecrapp, of Netherbridge, Warrington, was married to Mr. Walter Hawke, of College Farm, Ardingley, Sussex, son of Mr. R. Hawke, J.P. The bride, who was given away by her mother, wore a costume of grey and a hat of the same colour and carried a bouquet of pink carnations and white heather. Among the telegrams of congratulation received was one from the bride's friends in the Royal British Nurses' Association.

GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Miss Spencer-Edwards, lock of Napoleon's hair (given by his servant Marchand to her grandfather); Miss Gordon-Wright, Devonshire cream; Miss Kelly, "Brer Rabbit"; Mrs. Paton and Misses Bromley, Collins, Dunsford, Eden, A. E. Macdonald, and Ward, flowers.

Misses Bennett, Bishop, Collins, Cope, M. Dempster, Dunsford, Forbes, Gilligan, Howard, Holmes, Hollinshed, Kirkup, Liddiatt, Sendall, and Mrs. Temple flowers; Miss Cattell and Miss Liddiatt plants; Miss M. Dempster and Mrs. Springfield illustrated papers; Miss K. Walker book; Mrs. Perkins cake; Anonymous, cream cakes and flowers.

Settlement Home.—Miss Liddiatt domestic equipment.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD.
Secretary to the Corporation.

GUY'S HOSPITAL PAST AND PRESENT NURSES' LEAGUE.

Some two hundred-and-ten members of the Guy's Past and Present Nurses' League dined together in the beautiful dining hall of Guy's Hospital on Friday, May 11th, the Matron, Miss Margaret Hogg, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding. The room looked very charming, freshly decorated in duck-egg, blue and brown; and on the tables, at which the Sisters presided, vases of lovely yellow tulips, flanked with lemonade, made a charmingly gay decoration. We wish the Home Sister would divulge the secret of how to provide an excellent four-course dinner, followed by coffee, at a shilling a head. Many Leagues would like to know; and she would add to their indebtedness if she included the recipe for that novel and excellent sweet named Abbot's Delight!

The annual meeting was held in the nurses' sitting-room, when the Matron, as Hon. Secretary, opened the meeting by saying she was delighted to see, and welcome so many old friends. She reported letters of regret at inability to be present from members in New Zealand, Australia, America, India, Baghdad, South Africa, South China, North China, Egypt, and the Federated Malay States. Also the following telegram from Dublin: "Anniversary greetings; congratulations to all.—Misses Haughton, Ford, Johnstone, Mann, Crawford, McComas."

Miss Hogg also said she had received a charming letter from Miss Victoria Jones, who was Matron at Guy's 41 years ago, saying how sorry she was that she was unable to be present, and referred to the pleasure it was to have with them Dame Sarah Swift.

She hoped that as members left the meeting they would admire the wilde beste antlers sent by Mrs. MacRae, who had shot the animal while hunting. She also drew attention to the bazaar, the proceeds of which would go towards defraying the debt of £900 remaining on the original debt on the cottage; she had large ideas in connection with the League, but she felt that this debt must first be defrayed. In her Christmas letter she had asked for ideas, but had not had one.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

A satisfactory report of the year's work was presented, about eighty Present Members have been transferred to the Past Section during the year, but fifty or sixty whose subscriptions are several years in arrears, and have not replied to inquiries sent them, have had their names removed from the list of members.

A new edition of the "Guy's Nurses' League Book and Register" is shortly to be published.

OBITUARY.

Miss Hogg referred with deep regret to the deaths of three past members—Mrs. Sarah Brown (*née* Clarke), who died in May, 1922, at the Queen Victoria Hospital for Women, Johannesburg,

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