

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## DRAMATIC RECITAL.

On Saturday afternoon, July 14th, Mr. Harold Horton will give a dramatic recital at 194, Queen's Gate, at 3 p.m. All those who possibly can should attend, for it promises to be an unusual treat. One member who was present at the concert when we heard Mr. Horton before has sent a request that he will again recite the exquisite lyrics, while another has written that she hopes that we are to hear once more of the little goblin with his strange green beads. No doubt these requests will be complied with, and we may certainly look forward to an afternoon when our minds will be able to escape for a time from this workaday world with its cares and its labours, now into one of beautiful thoughts most exquisitely expressed, then into some elemental world where dwell the fairies, the goblins, the gnomes, and all the rest, and still again we will live in great historical scenes, and all this through the medium of a fine dramatic gift, a fine sense of the dignity and beauty of our English literature and poetry. And then we shall go back to the tasks of life again, full of the invigoration and refreshment of mind that, in such a subtle, intangible way, flows into the spirit when we give ourselves up to a treat such as that we are to have to-day.

But apart from this, we appreciate very greatly indeed the kindness of Mr. Horton, who is giving the entertainment in order to enable us to found our dramatic society and to help us to ensure that the play in the autumn will be properly staged. The costs in connection with the rehearsals, stage furniture, and the dramatic wardrobe, are necessarily high, and we hope that the members will come in large numbers and bring friends. The charge for admission will be 2s. 4d. and 1s. 3d., inclusive of the entertainment tax.

## ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Association was held at the Club on June 28th. There was a smaller attendance than usual, and, probably because there had passed from us a presence rarely absent from any previous Annual Meeting, no one seemed desirous that the proceedings should be prolonged. Mr. Paterson occupied the chair, and, after the Minutes, read the letters from Their Majesties and Their Highnesses the Princesses Helena Victoria and Marie Louise, acknowledging letters of sym-

pathy from the Council on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian.

The Report of the Executive Committee dealt with matters which have all been reported in the official organ of the Association as they occurred, so we need not recapitulate them here. The Financial Report was quite satisfactory, showing an excess of income over expenditure in the General Fund amounting to £65 10s. 8d. In the accounts of the Settlement Fund there was also an excess of income over expenditure amounting, in this case, to £166 13s., but the Treasurer reminded those present that the costs of extensive alterations and repairs were to be met in 1923. The Helena Benevolent Fund had a deficit of £19 12s. 5d., and the hope was expressed that, when the Settlement alterations were finished, some special attention would be directed to the Helena Benevolent Fund.

The result of the ballot was announced, and the following declared to be elected Members of the General Council:—

Medical: Dr. Douglas Rice-Oxley, Mr. Berry, Dr. Maxwell Simpson, Dr. Honor Bone, Sir Anderson Critchett, Mr. Carson, Dr. Lang, Dr. Whittick, Dr. King Brown, Sir Halliday Croom.

Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses: Miss Bickerton, Miss Villiers, Miss Ballantyne, Miss Cutler, Miss Hulme, Miss Child, Lady Hermione Blackwood, Miss Charteris, Miss Marsters, Miss Gooding.

Sisters and Nurses: Miss Pearson, Miss Bylett, Mrs. Glover, Miss Goodrich, Miss Bevan, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Temple, Miss Anthony, Miss Holmes, Miss Lewis.

## THE MEDICAL HON. SEC. OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION AND THE REGISTRATION CONTROVERSY.

As we go to press we are receiving many telephone messages asking whether we noticed Mr. Paterson's able letter in *The Times* of the 9th inst. with its strong protest against Dr. Chapple's efforts to allow the "half nurses" to flood the State Register. It is no little thing for a busy surgeon to spare time to enter upon a newspaper correspondence in *The Times*, and many members have expressed appreciation of the letter which so adequately sets out their views. The nurses never had a more disinterested friend in the Medical Profession than Mr. Paterson, and they value this

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