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## THE NEW YEAR.

We wish all our Members a Happy Christmas and much good in the coming year. The New Year is always a time of hopefulness and stimulus, a time of new beginnings, a time when we face the future with determination to fill another year with all the achievement that effort can garner into its minutes and hours to fill up the measure of another twelve months. At every New Year season we are apt to set ourselves new tasks, but whether we do this or no, each year must bring its own opportunities and responsibilities ushered in by the holiness and refreshment which the Christmas time brings. We hope that, for all our Members, these fresh opportunities may be very numerous and that much success may be theirs in their pathway through the year.

That now closing has been one of sad memories for the Royal British Nurses' Association, for it has seen the passing of the first President of the Corporation. It is but a few days over a year ago since she arrived informally one afternoon and took tea with the nurses in the drawing room at the Club, and those in residence then have very pleasant memories of that happy gathering when Her Royal Highness had some kind words for everyone and seemed to enjoy as much as anyone present the bright conversation round the fire. Little did any of us realise that this would prove to be the last visit of the Princess to the Association which she loved so well.

Some months ago the Council had under consideration the question of establishing a memorial to Her Royal Highness, and it was unanimously decided that this should take the form of an endowment for the Club. The Princess frequently spoke of this as "her last piece of work for the nurses," and so it is appropriate that the nurses should set themselves to finish it by placing it upon the sure foundation that an endowment affords. There are very few clubs which do not possess an endowment in some form or another, and in more respects than one such an endowment would benefit the nurses individually. The Princess more than once expressed the hope that the endowment would be raised, and so we feel that we have a sacred trust left to us to see this piece of work through and so cause the work of our beloved President to last into generations beyond her own.

During the early part of the year the extensive alterations and improvements at the Princess Christian Settlement Home were carried to a satisfactory conclusion, and the nurses there often tell us how much they enjoy their nice bright rooms.

Throughout the year there have been many activities of all kinds at our headquarters, and the splendid entertainments and lectures have been greatly enjoyed.

## THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING AND THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CORPORATION.

In future the Official Supplement will appear only once in a month owing to the fact that it has been decided that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is to become a monthly instead of a weekly Journal. Members have learnt of this decision with considerable regret, as THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has been a real live episode in our calendar of events from week to week. We congratulate the Hon. Editor on the splendid work it has accomplished and the immense influence it has wielded on the evolution of modern nursing. It has not been the paper likely to appeal to those who elect to go through life in a kind of mental somnolence, nor for those who are in favour of reform or improvement, but prefer to leave it to a later generation to bring about progress. Yet, whether or no, many (who now profess to approve reforms they formerly condemned) acknowledge that to THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is primarily due the credit of these reforms, we all know that many a time and oft it stabbed the spirit of the profession broad awake, and to-day it passes to its new incarnation with one tremendous monument to its memory and its great purpose fulfilled—the establishment on the Statute Book of the Acts of Registration for Trained Nurses. The seal of sacrifice has been laid upon the Journal in long hours of altruistic labour for a great cause and, while we offer to it all our good wishes at this New Year, we tender our gratitude to its Hon. Editor and Assistant Editor (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Breaux), for we realise that through its work for State Registration it has been instrumental in giving to our profession the

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