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MEETING AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

On Thursday, May 22nd, at 3 p.m., a Meeting will be held at the Mansion House to inaugurate a scheme for a Memorial to Her Royal Highness the late Princess Christian, the First President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, who held office for 35 years. The Lord Mayor will preside, and Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, has graciously intimated her intention to be present. Several very eminent men and women will speak in support of the Memorial, and it remains with the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association to attend in large numbers not only that they may help to make the inaugural meeting a success, but as a tribute to the memory of our first President, whom we all remember with such deep feelings of respectful and affectionate regard.

It is hoped that the Memorial may take the form of the Endowment of the Royal British Nurses' Association Club—a scheme in which Princess Christian was deeply interested.

CONFERENCE ON THE HOSPITAL PROBLEM.

The Representatives appointed by the Royal British Nurses' Association to attend the Conference on "the Hospital Problem," convened by the Executive Committee of the Labour Party, on April 28th and 29th, were Miss Alice Cattell, Miss Jessie Holmes, Miss Le Geyt, and the Secretary, Miss Isabel Macdonald.

THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The nominations for the election of Members to fill vacancies on the General Council of the Association will shortly be sent out, and anyone desirous of making any additions to those before the Executive Committee at its last meeting, should forward them at once to the Secretary.

MARRIAGE OF MISS EMMA AUGHTON AND MR. HAMILTON GIBSON.

On April 5th the marriage took place of Miss Emma Aughton, M.R.B.N.A., to Mr. Hamilton Gibson, O.B.E. Miss Aughton has been an enthusiastic member of the R.B.N.A. almost from the time she gained her certificate of training as a nurse, while Mr. Hamilton Gibson has frequently been present at gatherings at the Club; everyone, therefore, was prepared to take a warm interest in the wedding, and we have rarely had a more cheerful gathering than that to wish godspeed to the latest bride and bridegroom from the R.B.N.A. Miss Rice saw to it that beautiful flowers were placed in the church and, as a result of her early visit to Covent Garden along with other two members, the drawing-room at the Club was a veritable paradise of Spring.

The marriage took place at Holy Trinity Church, where so many of our R.B.N.A. weddings have been solemnised. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore a lovely gown of lace, with a hat to match, and carried a quaint old-world bouquet. Her sister, who acted as bridesmaid, wore a dainty dress of mauve georgette with a picture hat of the same colour. The marriage service was particularly beautiful and most of all we liked the lovely hymns which had been chosen for the service. As the bride and bridegroom left the church the path to their carriage was strewn, by the Club members, with yellow primroses, a distinct improvement, much appreciated by the bridegroom, on the usual methods of showering our good wishes on a happy pair.

The partition between the drawing-rooms at Queen's Gate had been removed, as is the custom on these festive occasions, and a large number of guests assembled there to wish happiness to the newly-married pair and to partake of the variety of dainties provided. The wedding cake, surmounted by its white horse-shoe and silver bells, was admired and a very cheery company it was indeed who drank to the health of bride and bridegroom. Many telegrams of congratulation were received, among them one from Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, President of the Association. Unfortunately, owing to the change to summer time in France, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Gibson had to leave an hour earlier than had originally been planned. The bride's travelling dress was of navy blue cloth; she wore a mole-coloured hat and carried a lovely bunch of lily of the valley, handed in for her by one of the Medical Members of the R.B.N.A., and a bag which, the night before, had been presented to her by the Members in residence at the Club. We hear that a very delightful honeymoon is being spent in Paris.

NURSES AS LECTURERS.

THE GREAT WORK OF TEACHING.

There is no profession for women in which lies such possibilities for development as the Profession of Nursing, but, as members of it, we have shown singularly little inclination in this country to promote its activities and to develop its usefulness to the public. A little consideration will point to avenues enough through which such development can be achieved when the nurses have sufficient initiative, originality, and more temerity in getting out of the beaten track. There is one branch of work, for instance, which has been too little regarded by them in the past—or rather it has been regarded with a great lack of self-confidence and appreciation of the knowledge gained through a three years' training. We refer to that department of educational work connected with the teaching of nursing and its kindred subjects. Until such teaching is entrusted to the members of the Nursing Profession the nurses will not find that public opinion is likely to adopt them as the real nursing

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