

**THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES AT HELSINGFORS.**

The long looked forward to meeting of the Representatives of the Nursing Profession at Helsingfors is rapidly drawing near, and those who intend to be present are already making final arrangements for their departure.

This important Congress of Nurses of all nationalities, convened by the International Council of Nurses, should become a landmark in the history of nursing. It will be the first great International Congress of Nurses since the commencement of the Great War; we hope that the interchange of opinions and discussions at the Congress may have a wonderfully awakening influence on the profession, and that they may give an impulse towards further and more rapid progress, and to closer co-operation between organisations.

Quite a considerable number of Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association are likely to attend the Congress, prominent among whom are Miss Alice Cattell and Miss Cecilia Liddiatt. The former was trained at St. George's Hospital, and, in addition to being a Registered Nurse, she is also a highly qualified masseuse, and has a splendid visiting practice. Miss Cattell was a Member of the First General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and is the Nurse Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

She has many and varied interests outside the profession, but, nevertheless, or perhaps because of this, she is keenly alive to everything that goes on in it, and, experienced traveller as she is, will be able to participate enthusiastically in the work of the Congress.

Miss Liddiatt is well known and exceedingly popular at the R.B.N.A. Club. Few Members of the rank and file have been so staunch to the policy of the promoters of State Registration, and few have taken a keener and more unselfish interest in the activities of the Royal British Nurses' Association. A group of youngsters round the drawing room fire teasing "Lid." to the top of their bent is no uncommon spectacle at Queen's Gate, but their jokes are received with an equanimity, often a tantalizing acquiescence, that proves more excellent armour against the shafts of humour than any sharp rebuff. But in spite of these sharpening their wit, these same youngsters profess a sincere respect for "that stalwart Lid."

Many are the generous gifts which the Association and Club have received from Miss Liddiatt, prominent among

them the handsome and beautifully embroidered banner which hangs in the vestibule of the Club, bearing the Badge of the Association.



MISS CECILIA LIDDIATT, S.R.N.  
Member of Council, R.B.N.A.

ating the Dining Room and Council Chamber, the walls and staircases and, we hope, several bedrooms.

**HOUSE BEAUTIFUL FUND.**

During the early part of the year part of the outside structure of the buildings at Queen's Gate showed itself to be in a dangerous condition, and, as we hold the premises on a repairing lease, steps had to be taken at once to pull down part of the structure and then rebuild it. This raised the question of whether we should leave for another year somewhat extensive decorations which had been considered necessary, and which we had hoped to be able to carry out this season. Eventually we decided to carry on with these rather than allow the house to have the shabby appearance that any neglect, to re-decorate regularly, gives rise to so quickly in London.

To help to defray the cost of these extensive decorations we propose to have an American Tea on June 13th, commencing at 3 p.m. This means that every Member is asked to send a gift valued at one shilling, to pay one shilling for tea, and to buy an article of that value. If everyone will help in this it will go a long way towards meeting the cost of redecor-

**OBITUARY.**

Another link with the Association's beginnings has been broken through the death of Miss Cureton, who was one of the signatories to the Royal Charter. At that time she was Lady Superintendent of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and her name will stand out in the annals of nursing as one of the early pioneers of nursing organisation. Up to the last she took a warm interest in the Royal British Nurses Association, and we mourn her loss, not only because we have lost a true friend, but because, alas, we find the list on our Roll of the founder members of the Association, diminishing sadly year by year.

**DONATIONS.**

*General Purposes Fund.*—Miss Anne Jordan, £1 10s.; Miss Amy M. Dorrell, 10s.; Miss Nettie Stewart, 7s. 6d.; Miss C. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. C. M. Collett, 2s.; Miss Mary Piper, 1s. 6d.

*Settlement Fund.*—Mrs. Ta Bois, £2 3s.; Miss C. Clarke, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. C. M. Collett, 2s. 6d.; Miss M.



MISS E. ALICE CATTELL, S.R.N.  
Nurse Hon. Secretary, R.B.N.A.

Dugdale, 2s.; Miss H. Byron, 1s.  
ISABEL MACDONALD, Secretary to the Corporation.

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