

NEW HONORARY OFFICERS.

Mrs. Rebecca Strong.

At the last meeting of the General Council Mrs. Strong was elected to one of the three offices for Vice-Chairman provided for in the By-laws. Some particulars of her professional career were given in a recent issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, so that we need not recapitulate these now. Her nomination came in to the Executive Committee largely through the young Members of the Club who chance to have seats on that Committee, and this brings us at once to an aspect of Mrs. Strong's personality which is a particularly gracious one. There is no more popular visitor to the Club than she, and while we are in the habit of finding that the people, who are still in active work, seem to find companionship mostly in their own set, while the others follow their particular inclinations in this respect, the young folks, by common consent, absorb Mrs. Strong into their own group, and it is a very usual occurrence to find her by the hall fire surrounded by a group of youngsters listening to her wise admonitions, given with a mixture of humour and tolerance, that proves very acceptable to her audience, or entering into the experiences and amusements of youth with as keen a zest as they; she was the first purchaser of a ticket for the dance on the 30th of last month. More than once we have heard the wish expressed that we may journey to life's evening time with that same fragrant personality which characterises this great pioneer of Nursing Education. Little wonder that the Club's doors swing open in glad welcome to so acceptable a visitor in the changing community resident from day to day in Queen's Gate, and members will welcome her as heartily to the Vice-Chairmanship of the Association.

Miss Annie Carson Rae.

At the same meeting Miss A. Carson Rae was elected as Nurse Hon. Secretary of the Association. She holds the Certificate of Westminster Hospital, London, and took her training in massage and electricity at the National Hospital, Queen's Square, W.C. Subsequently she was Sister and then Night Superintendent at Marylebone Infirmary, then Matron of Cork Street Fever Hospital, Dublin, and later Superintendent of the Irish Nurses' Co-operative Hostel. She held the position of Secretary to the Irish Nurses' Association for a time, and was President of that Association later. She is a Member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, and acted as delegate from that body at the recent meeting in London of the National Council of Women.

Miss Carson Rae comes to her office in the Association with the equipment of a clear knowledge of Nursing Organisation, not only from an administrative point of view, but of work in the body politic. Throughout her professional life she has faced facts honestly, formed her own considered opinions and chosen her policy accordingly. She has been one of the "stalwarts" in the prolonged struggle for legal

status, and her profession owes much to her steady adherence to the cause, and to her voluntary labour in helping forward the movement. She is well known in the R.B.N.A., and her bright and never failing courtesy, her capacity to enter into all the affairs of the moment, are calculated to make her very popular when she acts as one of the hostesses at our numerous assemblies of Members, social and otherwise.

AN UNSOUGHT ADVENTURE.

Miss Bel Mackintosh, one of our guests from America, had a very unenviable experience while in Scotland. When out on the hills one day she attempted to pull a bunch of heather and, suddenly, the boulder on which it grew detached itself and, falling, pinioned Miss Mackintosh to the ground; it rested on her knee and she found it quite im-

possible to extricate herself. She lay there on the hillside all the afternoon and evening and then, in a drenching rain, all through the night. No search party was arranged, as Miss Mackintosh had merely intimated the possibility of a visit to the friends to whom she was on her way when the accident happened. Very fortunately a gamekeeper found her next day, or the effects of another night's exposure on the hillside might have been serious enough.

Miss Mackintosh, behind a very pleasing personality, possesses much of the reserve characteristic of her Scottish nationality, and it was only in the course of a casual conversation that one of her friends mentioned the adventure at breakfast one morning. On some comment upon the discomforts of being pinioned to a Scottish hillside throughout a night of pelting rain, her sole remark was: "Well, it wasn't very pleasant, but all I got was an attack of bronchitis." Here, surely, is a confirmed optimist!



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CLUB FIXTURES.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Vice-Chairman of the R.B.N.A., will address a Meeting on "The British College of Nurses" on November 19th, at 194, Queen's Gate, at 3 p.m. It is hoped that the Meeting will be largely attended, and that those present will avail themselves of the opportunity of discussion. For list of other Club Fixtures please refer to page i of our Advertisement Supplement.

HOW CAN NURSES HELP IN PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS?

We regret that as the JOURNAL goes to press so soon after the delivery, by Dr. Annie McCall, of a most interesting lecture on the above important subject, it is not possible for us to make more than a brief reference to it this month. Miss Carson Rae was in the chair, and those present thoroughly enjoyed the lecture. Dr. McCall's reputation as a lecturer, and her enthusiasm for her subject are well known, and make for eager and interested listeners. Enthusiasm is always infectious.

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