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## ELECTION OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Executive Committee will shortly make arrangements for the election of members to fill vacancies on the General Council in accordance with By-law XVII. We shall be glad to receive from members the names of those whom they wish to nominate. Only the names of those who are members of the Association can be placed on the balloting lists, and nominations should be sent to the office not later than March 31st.

### MISS CUTLER AT HOME.

On Friday, February 5th, Miss Cutler was "At Home" to friends and members of the Royal British Nurses' Association when we had a very delightful afternoon. Miss Cutler's circle of friends is a wide one and they came from all quarters, so that we seemed to be meeting old friends and making new ones all the afternoon. We had some very excellent music from the Misses Perkins which added much to the pleasure of the afternoon's entertainment.

Miss Macdonald, on behalf of those present, wished Miss Cutler "God-speed" on her trip to South Africa, to which she had looked forward so long; reference was made to Miss Cutler's work for the Royal British Nurses' Association when she came to help the Association with its scheme for establishing the Club. This, Miss Macdonald said, had not only resulted in a very close friendship between Miss Cutler and herself, but it had also been the beginning of very many friendships between Miss Cutler and younger members of the Association. Miss Macdonald expressed the hope that when Miss Cutler returned from her visit to the other side of the world the members would see more of her at Queen's Gate than had been possible during the last few years, and they would all look forward, with much pleasure and anticipation, to the day when the Club would be "en fête" to welcome Miss Cutler home again.

Miss Macdonald also, on behalf of the members, thanked Miss Cutler for the Union Jack and flagstaff which she had presented to her Association and added that they should always remember her when, on the red letter days in the R.B.N.A., they hauled up the flag over its Headquarters.

### HOUSE BEAUTIFUL FUND.

#### DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Members are reminded that to-night (Saturday, March 6th) at 8 p.m., there is to be a Dramatic Entertainment in aid of the above Fund. The results of the entertainment are to be used towards re-decorating the drawing rooms and supplying them with new chintzes. We hope that Members will do all they can to make the Entertainment a success. The fact that it is being arranged by Miss Hebson (Mrs. Buckett of "Isabel, Edward and Anne") assures those who intend to be present that there will be plenty of food for laughter.

We have not drawn up a definite programme of the Club's activities for the current month as a considerable amount of re-decoration is in progress and we are doubtful as to the dates upon which the public rooms will be available.

## MEMBERS OF NOTE.

### MRS. ATHERTON EARP, S.R.N.

In the ranks of our profession we meet with many different types of mind. There are those who prefer to see their way clear before them, who like the routine of institutional life and who feel that they can do more good to humanity with their qualifications by working in a hospital or institution of one sort or another. They like the society of their colleagues and the whole atmosphere of the hospital is satisfying to their inclinations. Then there are others who go into Private Nursing for the feeling of independence which they experience in this, and still there are others, fewer in number, who prefer to follow the vicissitudes, which some new departure in professional work may lead up to.

To this last category Mrs. Atherton Earp would appear to belong. Few nurses have managed to gather a wider experience of humanity than she and she has let her professional qualifications become the means of leading her to many countries and into many and varied activities, both as an individual and as a Member of all sorts of Committees interested in women's work. Mrs. Earp trained at Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester, where she was afterwards ward sister. She took her training in midwifery and in massage in London, and she also took special courses in skin work. She accomplished some very interesting work in connection with child welfare work in Paris, and on her return took an appointment as Superintendent of an Infant Welfare Centre in one of the suburbs of London. This is still running successfully, and is a very practical example of Mrs. Earp's ability and success in organising such an institution. Later she took over a larger centre in the heart of London, and left this to become Educational Organiser of Infant Welfare Centres in Hampstead. On giving up this appointment soon after her marriage she devoted her spare time very largely to educational work, and we hear of her lecturing to many different bodies as, for instance, the London County Council, the Women's Imperial Institute, the National League for Health, Maternity and Child Welfare, the National Baby Week Council, and so on. But, perhaps, what appears to us the most interesting branch of her work is that for the Women's Institutes. Mrs. Earp goes into all parts of England to deliver lectures on Health and Welfare work to these, and we never meet her without hearing of some new experiences; in fact, one of her chief characteristics is the enjoyment and zest with which she enters upon every adventure life has to offer whether it be in the way of pleasure or work; she is in fact a regular connoisseur in the art of selecting some *bonne bouche* from each, though to the ordinary observer it may seem to contain nothing but "the trivial round the common task." Just lately she has returned, from a long lecturing tour, particularly enthusiastic over a fine Health Exhibition she has found at Bedwith. Those responsible for it have shown, it appears, extraordinary ability in inaugurating very illuminating health propaganda, their exhibition and practical demonstrations are most comprehensive, but what delighted Mrs. Earp, when she lectured there, was the constant stream of children into

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