

HATS OFF TO THE BRITISH WORKMAN.

There is a cult which finds amusement in depreciating the British workman. Here and now we want to put on record that during the three months we have been working together, more skilled craftsmen could not have helped to beautify Headquarters. Painters, polishers, paper-hangers, gas and electric mechanics, carpenters and joiners, the men with "a straight eye," who laid carpets and linoleum, every man of them was tip-top, a pleasure to be associated with. We found the British workman not only a master craftsman, but patient, cheerful, and willing to take suggestions, most anxious to please, and we heartily thank them one and all for making our Headquarters' House "a thing of beauty and a joy for ever."

We have formed the opinion, however, that many supply firms are deficient in organisation and accuracy, and where decorations are concerned it would pay them cent. per cent. to employ artistic women, with a keen sense of home-making and beauty, to advise on tones, on colouring, and equipment, making for a soothing and sympathetic whole. Anyway, the Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses when they pay Headquarters a visit will, we feel sure, realise their debt of gratitude to our British workman—the best fellow in the world.

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IMPORTANT NOTICES.

We are requested by the Secretary of the British College of Nurses to publish the following letter:—

The British College of Nurses,
39, Portland Place,
London, W.1.

DEAR MADAM,—It is my duty to remind Fellows and Members who joined the College before November, 1926, that Annual Subscriptions, namely, £2 2s. for Fellows, and £1 1s. for Members, become due on July 1st, and to ask you therefore to be good enough to forward me this amount, either by cheque or crossed Postal Orders, made payable to the College on or before that date.

As you will be aware from the Reports in our Official Journal, the first year of the College has been most successful. I hope you may be able to attend the General Meeting next month, of which notice is given in this issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, and also to visit Headquarters, with which I am sure you will be charmed.

The College is now firmly established, on a strong financial foundation, able to do great things for Nurses, as it is already doing, and above all, it is, for the first time in the History of our profession, a body entirely composed of and governed by Nurses.

Its future now rests entirely in the hands of its Fellows and Members, and, for their own reputation and benefit, the stronger the College becomes, the greater credit will it reflect upon them. It is therefore the obvious duty, and to the advantage of every Fellow and Member to induce as many as possible of their friends, who are eligible, to join the College during the rest of the "Period of Grace," that is to say, before Examinations for the Diploma come into force. The Council therefore, for your own sake, as well as for that of your profession, ask YOU to introduce at least one new Fellow or Member to strengthen your ranks during the next year.

I shall be pleased to send you the necessary forms, if you will state exactly what you want, and enclose a stamped and addressed envelope for a reply.

I am, Dear Madam,
Yours faithfully,

GRACE REYNOLDS HALE,
Secretary.

The Annual Meeting.

It has been arranged that the Annual General Meeting of Fellows and Members shall be held in the Room of the Medical Society of London, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W.1, on Friday, July 15th, at 3 p.m., when the principal business will be to consider the Draft Bye-laws. We hope they will keep this day free and attend.

The Annual Dinner.

The Annual Dinner will be held on the evening of the same day in the St. James' Room of the Hotel Metropole (entrance in Whitehall Place). Further information may be obtained from the Secretary, British College of Nurses 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

AS OTHERS SEE US.

We always admire the extremely expert and interesting editing of *The Poor Law Officers' Journal*, and we desire to call the attention of our readers to the admirable report of Diploma Day, as well as to an editorial article on the British College of Nurses, published in its issue of May 6th, in which we read "The College to-day confers a prestige and a status which contrasts wonderfully with the conditions obtaining only a generation or two ago. . . . Many organisations are playing an important part in the effort to approximate to the ideal, and the College of Nurses has its own special place in the fight."

We note in *The Quair of the Bond*, the Annual Paper of the Fulham Hospital Nurses, that "Matron (Miss Gladys Allbutt) looks very charming in the gown of a Member of the Council of the British College of Nurses. It is of black satin with petunia coloured silk linings and bands."

EXTRACT FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A most important happening to Trained Nurses in general during the year has been the endowment of a College for Nurses in London, to be known as the British College of Nurses. Following on a resolution of the Committee a small sub-Committee was appointed to go into the data to hand, and to take steps to bring the matter under the notice of the Trained Nurses of South Australia. The sub-Committee, which consisted of the Misses Harrald and Davidson and the Secretary, met and it was decided to advertise in the daily papers and to circularise all the principal Training Schools. A letter was therefore sent to each Matron advising her of the establishment of the College, and a notice enclosed requesting her to kindly have it posted in a conspicuous place in the Nurses' quarters. The result has been most encouraging. All the forms sent out to us have been distributed. By the last mail news has been received that the period of grace will be shortly defined and a pamphlet setting forth the aim and object of the College has been also received. A Nurses' Benevolent Fund for Fellows or Members after ten years' membership is mentioned as being one of many advantages to be gained from joining. Nurses intending to visit England at some future date are advised to give this their favourable consideration.

The British College of Nurses has been welcomed in the most generous spirit by the Royal British Nurses' Association, and its members both at home and abroad, and we believe this will prove to be to the mutual advantage of both bodies.

Nurses from the Overseas Dominions are cordially invited to call at the Headquarters of the British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W., when in London, when they will be courteously received by the Secretary, and given any available information.

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