

## FROM ABSENT FRIENDS.

MAJOR SIR RICHARD BARNETT, M.P., writes:—  
Council Club,  
Bisley Camp, Surrey.

"I am indeed sorry that my duties here will prevent me from attending the annual dinner of the British College of Nurses to-morrow evening. As you know, I am Captain of the House of Commons team in the annual rifle match between 'Lords and Commons,' and as the match takes place early on Saturday morning, it is quite impossible for me to be in town the night before.

"May I take this opportunity of wishing every prosperity and success to the British College of Nurses. I feel assured that the new institution under your presidency will prove a tower of strength to the Nursing profession."

Hoping that some of our American friends coming to the International Council of Nurses Conference at Geneva might travel by way of England, and realising how inspiring their presence and participation would be, invitations to attend the annual dinner were forwarded to them.

FROM MISS LAVINIA L. DOCK, R.N.

"It would be the greatest possible pleasure to accept the kind invitation of the President and Council of the British College of Nurses to the annual dinner, if distance too great between us did not forbid. I can only send you best wishes for the full success of the original and promising foundation you are celebrating, with much esteem for the generous unknown donor and congratulations to those members of our profession who are taking it in charge."

FROM MISS S. LILLIAN CLAYTON, R.N., President, The American Nurses' Association.

"Your invitation to the annual dinner of the British College of Nurses was received this morning, and I assure you I greatly appreciate this invitation and sincerely regret that I cannot be present. I am leaving New York for Geneva on the 15th of July and shall think of you at this dinner, and hope you will have a very satisfactory reunion. I am very interested in the work that you plan to do and shall read the leaflet that you sent me with a great deal of interest. Again thanking you for your courteous invitation."

FROM MISS SUSAN C. FRANCIS, Secretary, American Nurses' Association.

"Will you please convey to the Officers and Members of the British College of Nurses my deep appreciation of the honour extended to me in inviting me to be their guest at the annual dinner of the College on July 15th; and I deeply regret that it will be impossible for me to accept this invitation since I shall not be sailing from the United States until that day.

"May I here extend my congratulations to the Members of the College for the wonderful gift which it has been their good fortune to receive and for the genuine interest which that gift must represent.

"I trust that your celebration on July 15th will be marked with great success, and I know that the Members of the College will continue in the development of the fine standards of nursing service laid down by their predecessors."

FROM MISS CLARA D. NOYES, National Director, Nursing Service, American Red Cross.

"Thank you very much for your kind invitation to attend the annual dinner of the British College of Nurses on July 15th.

"I regret very much that it will not be possible for me to be present as I expect to sail on that day from New York

in order to attend the Interim Conference of the International Council of Nurses.

"I shall read the circular with a great deal of interest and hope very much that I shall be privileged at some future time to visit the Headquarters at 39, Portland Place."

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN INTEREST IN THE B.C.N.

Miss Eleanor Harrald, the first Trained Nurse from South Australia to apply for Fellowship of the British College of Nurses, is the Matron of the largest Training School in South Australia. Beginning her training in the hospital which she now manages so skilfully—she was in turn Charge Sister of both Medical and Surgical Wards and she was also Theatre Sister for some years, which position she held at the outbreak of the Great War. When both the Medical and Nursing Staff were depleted by so many members joining up, she was appointed Acting Superintendent of Night Nurses, a position which was no sinecure then as owing to the dearth of Trained Nurses many inexperienced volunteers were placed on both Day and Night Duty, these necessarily required more supervision and vigilance than is usually the case in normal times. From August, 1918, to 1st March, 1921, Miss Harrald was Night Superintendent. On the date just mentioned she was appointed Matron, which position she has held ever since, a period of seven years.

On the Scroll of Honour around the Diploma of the British College of Nurses the name of Miss Martha Farquharson appears. Miss Farquharson, who was Matron of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, was a great pioneer of Nursing Organisation and State Registration in Australia, and was a Founder Member and Councillor of the International Council of Nurses. We feel Australian Fellows and Members of the B.C.N. will appreciate the recognition of Miss Farquharson on their Diplomas.

## NURSING HOMES REGISTRATION BILL.

The Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill passed the Committee Stage in the House of Commons, on July 26th and, as amended, was ordered to be reported to the House. The Committee negatived an Amendment providing for the Registration of Nursing Homes in which treatment by medical methods was not administered. It also passed an Amendment bringing the smaller local authorities with a whole time Medical Officer of Health within the term "local supervising authority."

## A LEAF OF NURSING HISTORY.

The Nursing School in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital attains its Jubilee this year. It was founded in 1877, and for the first time in its history a Matron and Superintendent of Nursing trained in the School has been appointed by the Governors. Mrs. Drake, untrained yet forceful, was Matron in 1877, and was succeeded upon her retirement by Miss Machin, trained at St. Thomas's Hospital. In 1881 Miss Ethel Manson, a Sister at the London Hospital and trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, was elected Matron, to be succeeded in 1887 by Miss Isla Stewart, trained at St. Thomas's Hospital. For 23 years Miss Stewart held this responsible position, and at her death, in 1910, Miss Annie McIntosh, trained at the London Hospital, succeeded her, and resigned this year, thus giving the Governors the opportunity, of which they should have availed themselves before, of appointing a Bart.'s trained nurse—Miss Helen Dey—greatly to the satisfaction of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, who have proved their pleasure by electing her President of the League, a position which we feel she will fill with distinction.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)