

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.

Her Royal Highness the President has been graciously pleased to forward, at the request of the General Council, an expression of deep sympathy, from the Members of the Association, with Their Majesties the King and Queen on the death of the Marquess of Cambridge.

The following letter has been received from Her Royal Highness the President :—

Buckingham Palace,

November 2nd, 1927.

MADAM,—I am commanded by the Queen to write and acknowledge the receipt of your Royal Highness's letter of October 31st.

In reply I am to ask your Royal Highness to be so good as to convey to the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association an expression of the Queen's sincere and grateful thanks for the loyal and kind message of sympathy, which was addressed to Her Majesty by the Members of the Corporation on the occasion of the death of her Brother, the Marquess of Cambridge.

I have the honour to be, Madam,

Your Royal Highness's obedient servant,

GERALD CHICHESTER.

## A CONCERT IN AID OF THE HELENA BENEVOLENT FUND.

H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught has graciously consented to be present at the Concert which is to be given in aid of the Helena Benevolent Fund by the Pirates Concert Party, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve (London Division). This concert is given by permission of Commodore H. Douglas King, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., V.D., M.P., R.N.V.R., and will take place at 194, Queen's Gate, London, on Saturday, November 12th. The tickets for the Concert are 10/6, 7/6, 5/- and 2/-. The Secretary is anxious that as many members as possible should buy their tickets beforehand or at least intimate whether they will be present at the concert, as some consideration must be given to reserving seats for ticket holders. We shall be grateful if members of the Association and other readers of the Journal will do what they can to help us to make the concert a great success; from all we hear it is likely to be a very fine one indeed and we are grateful to the gentlemen of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve who are showing us so much kindness. The Helena Benevolent Fund has had a heavy strain upon it this year and we look to the members to help us in this particular effort so that it may be able to show, at the close of the year, that we have been able to meet, from the point of view of income and expenditure, the claims of our sick members, without an encroachment on the capital account for the Fund. Therefore it is that we ask all our members to unite with us in buying at least one ticket and persuading friends to do so also. The success of our effort is dependent on their co-operation.

## MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The General Council met on Friday, October 28th. After the minutes had been read a resolution was put from the chair, expressing the sympathy of the members of the Association with Their Majesties on the death of the Marquess of Cambridge; the resolution was carried by a silent upstanding vote.

Lengthy reports for the quarter, from the Executive Committee and the Hon. Treasurer, were received, discussed and adopted. Directions were given in connection with opposing the amendments on the Nursing Homes Registration Bill, which, if carried, will have the effect of placing the inspection of Nursing Homes under the smaller authorities and will necessitate the repeal of Part 2 of the Midwives' and Maternity Homes' Act, the provisions of which, up to the present, have been proved to work quite satisfactorily.

It was reported that a sub-committee had been appointed by the Executive Committee to consider matters relative to the forthcoming election of the General Nursing Council. It was decided that other bodies be invited to appoint delegates to act with this sub-committee.

## BIRTHDAY PARTY.

It has been decided that we shall have a Reception at the Club on the evening of Wednesday, December 7th, at 8 o'clock, the anniversary of the meeting at which the Association was founded. Those who wish to be present should write to the Secretary for tickets (price 2s. 6d.) at an early date.

## EVENTS AT HEADQUARTERS.

### Miss Cutler "At Home."

On Thursday, October 13th, Miss Beatrice Cutler was "At Home" to members of the Association and others, and a very large number of old friends gathered at the Club to partake of her hospitality. We had some very delightful singing and pianoforte music from Misses Roberts, Hallpike and Bulloch. This was the first gathering of members since the holidays and a very pleasant one it proved.

### Lecture.

On Thursday, October 20th, Miss Lindsay gave us a delightful lecture on Palestine; she has a number of excellent lantern slides which she brought from Jerusalem, and the colouring of many of these was exquisite. Her lecture was so lucid that she seemed to transport us at once to wonderful scenes in the Holy Land. Some views of parts of the interiors of the churches were wonderful and the views of the Sea of Galilee, of which there were quite a few, were very lovely—sunrises, sunsets and others in the clear light of mid-day. The lecture was very well attended and the audience showed great appreciation of their afternoon's entertainment.

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