

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Corporation will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Friday, June 22nd, 1928, at 3.30 p.m.

The ballot papers, which have been circulated to the members, must be returned to the Office not later than 21st instant, and careful attention should be given to the directions issued with these. Numbers of papers have to be disqualified every year through disregard of the particulars given on the voting papers.

Tea will be provided for the members after the business part of the meeting is over. It is hoped that the nurses will make every effort to be present at this Annual General Meeting of the members.

GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Mrs. Crassweller, flowers; Miss Fincher, flowers; Miss Macdonald, flowers; Miss Swaby Smith, flowers; Mrs. Temple and Miss Treasure, new tapestry for the Presidential Chair and the Chairs of the Hon. Officers, vases, flowers, sweets, etc.; Mr. Zacharewitsch, concert tickets.

RECLUSE CLUB.

We find ourselves somewhat short of periodicals for the "Recluse Club," and we shall be very glad if members will send to us any magazines which they can spare. These are forwarded to nurses who have retired from active work and sometimes to members in very distant parts of the Empire, to whom they apparently are exceedingly acceptable. Small subscriptions to the "Recluse Club," to cover the postage of periodicals, will be very gratefully received. Members who have retired from active work and who have difficulty in getting magazines should make application to the Secretary for particulars of the "Recluse Club."

WEDDING.

Mrs. Jessie Burrow Russell, who has been a Member of the Association since 1916, was recently married to Major Hawksford, O.B.E. We offer to them the sincere good wishes of the Association.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have received notice of the death of Miss Ellen Freear, who has been a Member of the Association for many years. She was a much respected Member of the staff of the Bromhead Institution, and many doctors, nurses and friends attended the funeral service at St. Peter's-in-Eastgate, Lincoln, on Monday, May 14th. Miss Somerset, Lady Superintendent of the Bromhead Nursing Institution, was present, and the Royal British Nurses' Association was represented by Mrs. Lambert, its Lady Consul in Lincoln.

MEMBERS OF NOTE.

MRS. CELIA LUCAS.

Mrs. Celia Lucas, S.R.N., is one of our members who has shown outstanding administrative ability in the great field of Public Health Work, and we have heard from Nurses, in British Columbia, of how far-reaching, in its results, her work in that country has been. At present she is Superintendent of the Health Centre of Saanich, a municipality which covers some fifty-five square miles. The whole of its Public Health Nursing Service is directed from the Health Centre; the Nurses attached to this are all qualified graduates of Hospital Training Schools and University Graduates in Public Health Nursing; they are paid by the Health and Education Departments of the Government. They are regarded as teachers of Public Health both for the community generally and for the children; the very progressive Medical Officer of the town, Dr. H. E. Young, prefers them to be spoken of as "Public Health Teachers." Mrs. Lucas, under the Education Department, organised night school health education classes at the Victoria High School. (Saanich, by the way, is five miles from Victoria, the capital of British Columbia.) Soon after she was appointed to her present post, she instituted a generalised Public Health programme, including District and School nursing. She tells us that although, at this time, she and her staff conducted a heavy nursing programme, including confinements, they considered that the most fruitful part of their time was that given to visiting mothers during pre-natal and post-natal periods.

During the early part of Mrs. Lucas' administration there was no full-time Medical Officer in Saanich, and we are informed by a Nurse in British Columbia, that it was largely due to the great development of its Health Centre that a full-time Medical Officer was appointed to the Municipality under a Rockefeller foundation. Until this was accomplished, Mrs. Lucas had to make herself responsible for the training of students from the University, and still more advanced students from the Provincial Health Department. (This Department, by the way, is synonymous with the Board of Health.) Mrs. Lucas is a Member of the Summer School Faculty, an appointment she specially values, because she feels strongly that it gives opportunity for co-operation with the teachers; this she holds to be of great importance to the progress of preventive work. At the Summer School, teachers assemble from all parts of the Dominion with the purpose of keeping abreast with developments and taking special courses of study. The Child Health Programmes are undertaken by Mrs. Lucas, who, with her assistants, gives lectures and demonstrations to first-year students on Nutrition, Hygiene, First Aid, Bacteriology, Epidemiology, etc. To the second-year students she gives lectures on Child Welfare, Preventive Work, Mental Hygiene, Eugenics, Racial Immunity, League of Nations and Child

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