

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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CLUB FIXTURES.

Owing to extensive re-decoration going on at Headquarters it has been decided to arrange no fixtures for the current month, but on 3rd March, there will be a dance at 8 p.m. We shall issue later a list of fixtures which will include a visit to Leighton House, a Whist Drive to be arranged by Miss Jessie Holmes in aid of the Helena Benevolent Fund, and a Concert to be arranged by Miss Cattell also in support of the Benevolent Fund. The Members of the Council will be "At Home" to Members of the Association in March on a date to be arranged later.

GIFT TO THE ASSOCIATION.

We have received from Dr. Bedford Fenwick two very handsome volumes containing records connected with the Royal Charter. The history contained in these is of great interest, and no doubt will be frequently studied by Members of the Association both in our own time, and in the future.

A ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Recently, a Round Table Conference took place between Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association and the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association. Various subjects were discussed relating to the economics of Public Health Workers and the conditions under which they work; it was agreed that the following Resolution be sent up to the respective Committees of the above mentioned bodies, and has been adopted by them:—

"That further opportunities for discussion of subjects of immediate mutual interest between representatives of the Royal British Nurses' Association and representatives of the Women Sanitary Inspectors' and Health Visitors' Association be arranged, as and when required."

APPOINTMENTS.

We congratulate Miss I. M. G. Davy, F.B.C.N., on her appointment as Sister Tutor at the London Temperance Hospital, with the qualifications for which she has equipped herself with characteristic energy and courage. Miss Davy holds the Certificate of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and was Matron of the Gordon Hospital, Ealing, from 1910 to 1911; in 1911 and 1912 she qualified in massage and dispensing. She did very valuable war work, but, unfortunately, lost an arm as a result of this, and it speaks much not only for her ability but for her courage that she faced the situation and took the Sister Tutor's Certificate of King's College. We wish her every success in her new appointment.

We have learned with pleasure of the appointment of Mrs. Raikes as Matron of Havergal College, a very famous Girls' School in Toronto. Mrs. Raikes was trained at the King Edward VII Hospital, Cardiff, and practised as a Private Nurse on her own account for a number of years. She met Mr.—afterwards Colonel—Raikes during a voyage

to Canada and, while he was Chief Surgeon of Midland Hospital, she took a very active part in many activities in that town. As soon as war was declared she and her husband returned to England, he to fill an important medical post while she did nursing work in various military hospitals. The death of Colonel Raikes a few years ago was a great grief to her, but Mrs. Raikes, with her usual courage and independence, returned again to the activities of her own profession. Charming, energetic and full of enterprise, we are not surprised to learn that she is enjoying her new appointment and achieving success in it.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

We have just received the half-yearly Report from the Australian Branch, which is very encouraging. The Nurses' Co-operation of the Branch Association in particular would appear to have been very active, and it has indeed been unable to meet a large number of calls, which speaks well for the standing of this important Private Nurses' Co-operation in South Australia.

Reference is made in the Report to the visit of the Duke and Duchess of York and to a Reception given during their visit, at which the Association was represented by our Lady Consul (Mrs. E. C. W. Martin) and the Secretary. A very beautiful specially designed illuminated Address was presented to Their Royal Highnesses by the Daughter Association.

In the Report reference is also made to the foundation of the British College of Nurses in London, and apparently the courtesy of a letter from the Council of that body, thanking the Branch Association for their interest in the new Movement, has been much appreciated by the Committee.

The Association has found it necessary to raise the fees in the Nurses' Club, but as the fees of the Private Nurses have been raised to £4 4s. weekly and stabilised by an agreement between the Royal British Nurses' Association and the Australian Trained Nurses' Association in South Australia, probably the increase in Club charges will not affect the Private Nurses very seriously. We feel envious when we read of the Night Nurses' shack set up in the grounds of the Home in Adelaide. This is a little weather-board and iron house, and it is to be kept now as sleeping quarters for the Nurses on night duty. It has been nicely painted and decorated, and is greatly appreciated by its occupants because of its quiet.

The Committee express regret on the departure of Lady Bridges, who was a Patroness of the Branch Association and took an active interest in all that concerned it during her term of residence in Adelaide.

Among other appointments, we note that Miss Trenaman has been appointed as Superintendent to the Lady Galway Club, and Miss G. Burns to the T.B. Sanatorium at Angorichina; the death of Miss C. E. Moody is reported with deep regret.

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