

an invalid mother, Miss Mullaney, to her great disappointment, was unable to join up, as so many of her colleagues in South Australia did, for service in the Great War. We are told, however, that it was a great solace to her to find ways of helping in her own district; she became the Hon. Secretary of one of the largest Red Cross Circles in Australia and, incidentally, this appointment of a trained nurse to such post would appear to be an excellent precedent, and may to some extent be responsible for the extensive work accomplished by this particular Red Cross Circle. Miss Mullaney received the Certificate of the British Red Cross Society for her five years of voluntary service.

That Miss Mullaney's public health work in South Australia makes a fine record, and that it must have far-reaching results, we can realise when we note that, after fourteen years as Nurse Inspector at Unley, she became successively Matron of the Bedford Park Sanatorium for returned Soldiers suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis, Sister at the Baby Health Centre at Adelaide (where she went to get experience in Infant Welfare Work), Acting Matron for seven months at the Mareeba Babies' Hospital, Woodville, S.A., and Sister-in-Charge of St. Joseph's Refuge, Fullarton. In 1926 she became the Secretary of our South Australian Branch of the Association, and Superintendent of its fine Club for Nurses there. She has taken a great interest in the development of this Club, but at the same time she never loses sight of the wider and more important work connected with nursing organisation. She was a pioneer of the Registration movement in South Australia, and we understand that, like her predecessor, at our Australian Headquarters, she is a Member of the Registration Board in South Australia. To her perhaps more than to anyone else do nurses owe the fact that private nursing has reached, within recent years, a much more satisfactory stage of organisation. Through Miss Mullaney's energy and initiative (acting under her Committee) the various organisations of nurses in Australia were approached and an agreement of inestimable importance to private nursing practice there was reached—namely, that all organisations of nurses in Australia should support a standardised minimum fee of four guineas per week for private nurses. Thereby the economic position of the private nurse is safeguarded and, more important still, the class of nurse entering private practice will improve when it is realised that there is some protection against underselling by unregistered nurses of inferior type.

In all her appointments, says Miss Higgins, Miss Mullaney gained the respect and admiration of those with whom and for whom she worked, and we consider that our Australian Branch is fortunate in its Secretary; her

reports to the Parent Association show evidence that she realises the importance of detail in maintaining the necessary co-operation between our London centre and the far-flung Dominion, and in enabling us to keep our records in close accord with those at the Australian headquarters. We hear many references to Miss Mullaney's kindly courtesy from nurses who visit us from South Australia. Like them we deplore the serious illness from which she has been suffering; we would offer to her, through our Official Organ, our sympathy, and we send to her and to our Australian Branch every good wish that she may have a speedy recovery.

Miss Mullaney took a keen interest in the Foundation of the British College of Nurses and was one of the first nurses in Australia to join it as a Fellow.

Our portrait of Miss Mullaney is from a photograph taken on the lawn outside the R.B.N.A. Headquarters at Adelaide during her fourth year of office.



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CLUB FIXTURES.

Members will find on page i. of the Advertisement Supplement details regarding the various fixtures which we have made in connection with the Club.

On Thursday, 10th October, Miss Macdonald will be "At Home" to members and friends, and she hopes that readers of the *Journal* will take this as an invitation to be present.

The "Ramble" to be arranged by Miss Liddiatt, for 17th October, will lead us through Ken Wood where we can enjoy the sight of many beautiful artistic treasures and from there we drive on to St. Albans to see the Cathedral and the little Church of St. Michael with its strangely lifelike statue of the great Lord Bacon. From there we hope to go on to see the ruins of the residence of this myriad-minded man who "took all knowledge for his province."

[By special request we are arranging a dance for the

26th October and we shall be glad if the Nurses who hope to be present will let us know beforehand.

On November 4th, Major Rigg, who is always sure of a good audience at the R.B.N.A., is to lecture at 3 p.m., on "The Customs and Traditions of our Imperial Parliament." Following on that we hope to arrange some little entertainment for the benefit of the Helena Benevolent Fund.

DONATIONS.

House Beautiful Fund.

Edwin Peckett, Esq., £2 2s.; Miss F. B. Pearn, £2; Mrs. J. Temple, Miss M. Wilbraham, £1 1s.; Miss A. M. Ker, 8s. 6d.; Miss A. E. Hulme, 5s. 6d.; Miss M. T. Little, 5s.

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