

Her home is a veritable treasure house, with its fine Chippendale, Sheraton and other types of antique furniture, its old china and pottery, its pictures by Orchardson, Macbeth, Hunt, de Blaas and others, and its many rare engravings; but Mrs. Temple's chief hobby lies in collecting old glass of which she has some fine pieces. Here, indeed, is a house reminiscent of the creative art of a bygone time where lovely artistic works are cared for and preserved in a way that would delight the heart of anyone who has a genuine, uncommercialised love of the antique. Mrs. Temple is a great reader and a very expert needlewoman; we can remember some of her lovely lace work in the days when we first knew her.

Such is the Fairy Godmother and at Christmas time we would send her greetings and thanks for many a kind thought and generous action in helping to bring joy to the Club at Queen's Gate.

ACTIVITIES AT HEAD-QUARTERS.

On Saturday, November 16th, Miss Carson Rae was "At Home" to Members of the Association. She was unfortunate in that this was one of the most inclement days in a particularly beautiful autumn, but those guests who braved the weather expressed themselves as having greatly enjoyed her hospitality.

On Saturday, November 23rd, Miss Graham and Miss Macdonald gave their Dance for the Members of the British College of Nurses. On Wednesday, November 27th, the Rev. W. E. Kingsbury gave us an interesting account of the Actors' Church Union, and just as we go to press a Whist Drive (organised by Miss Jessie Holmes) is taking place for the Helena Benevolent Fund. Through this we hope to make a nice little sum to help to meet a large number of small grants (sanctioned by the Committee) to be sent to our less fortunate members in order that they may have some extra comfort and joy at Christmastime.

THE ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY AND THE CHRISTMAS SALE OF WORK.

The Annual Birthday Party, the anniversary of the foundation of the Royal British Nurses' Association, is taking place as we go to press—always an enjoyable occasion, and an opportunity to meet old friends. On 14th December, we are to have a Christmas Sale of Work in aid of the House Beautiful Fund.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE CLUB.

Christmas dinner will commence at 6.30 p.m. on December 25th and we shall be glad if members intending to be present will intimate this to the Secretary, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. as soon as possible. We hope that many may be able to join us here. We hear of several members who hope to come up from the country to spend their Christmas at Queen's Gate.

A PROTEST.

The following letter has been sent to the General Nursing Council with reference to the action of that Council in allowing the name of a nurse convicted of felony to remain on the State Register of Nurses for England and Wales.

November 22nd, 1929.

DEAR MADAM,—It has been brought to the notice of my Council that the name of a Nurse, found guilty of theft in a Court of Law, has been retained on the State Register of Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

As this is the second time that the name of a thief has been retained on the State Register, the Council of the Royal British Nurses Association desire to enter a strong protest against the action of the General Nursing Council in condoning an act of felony in that they have again permitted the name of a person convicted of this to remain on the State Register. Thereby, in the opinion of my Council, the General Nursing Council, are pursuing a policy derogatory to the ethical standards of the Nursing Profession. Furthermore, the purity of the State Register is a matter of supreme importance alike to the Public and the Nurses being, as it is, the only means offered by the State whereby the former can ascertain whether a person is, in the eyes of the State, a fit and proper person to be entrusted with the care of the sick and to undertake



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the wide responsibility thereby involved. In the view of my Council it is a grave betrayal of the interests of the Public and an equally grave betrayal of the confidence of the Nurses that Registered Nurses, who have adhered to the generally accepted standards of moral behaviour, should be compelled to submit to be classified with thieves on their Official State Register.

I am instructed by the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association to ask whether the General Nursing Council will give a pronouncement as to what they consider provides sufficient cause for the removal of a Nurse's name

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