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# Royal British Rurses' Association.

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## THIS SUPPLEMENT BEING THE OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE CORPORATION.

#### ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Corporation will be held at 194, Queen's Gate on Thursday, 26th inst. at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided for the Members after the Meeting. The ballot papers for the election of the Council are being circulated, and we would ask Members to pay particular attention to the directions given with these. Every year numbers of ballot papers have to be thrown aside by the scrutineers as "spoilt" because Members omit to sign the papers or in some other respect do not conform to the rules of the ballot.

We would remind the Members that no correspondence should be enclosed with the ballot papers as, if this is done, it cannot be dealt with until the date upon which the envelopes are opened in the presence of the scrutineers.

#### LETTER FROM MISS MEYBOOM.

We are instructed by the Executive Committee to insert the following letter from Miss Meyboom :—

To the Chairman

Of the Executive Committee,

The Royal British Nurses' Association.

#### DEAR MADAM,

We are still enjoying the impressions which we gathered of the great time we had in England, and we are especially thankful to our dear hostess, Miss Macdonald, and now it is the wish of my party to put in a special message of thanks to her in the Journal. We shall appreciate it very much if this is done. We think that to have a *Nurses*' Club such as the Association has, is a very wonderful thing and must make life much easier and happier for the nurses.

In England, nurses are greatly favoured by the devotion of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder of the International Council of Nurses. In the beautiful building of the British College of Nurses, we had the honour and privilege of coming in contact with many things connected with nursing history.

The experiences of our visit are like a very wonderful dream. With feelings of friendship and thankfulness we ever shall remember it and our beloved friends among the nurses of England.

With hearty greetings from us all,

Yours very sincerely,

FREDERIKA MEYBOOM.

#### RAMBLE TO KNOWLE PARK.

Just as we go to press, we have received from Miss Liddiatt the information that she is arranging for the Royal British Nurses' Association, a ramble *via* Riverhead and Farnborough to Knowle Park and Sevenoaks Village, returning through Tonbridge and Lamberhurst Village. The cost of the ramble, exclusive of any meals will be 6s. 6d. Possibly we may arrange for a picnic on the way. Will any nurses who wish to join, write to Miss Liddiatt at 194, Queen's Gate ?

### OBITUARY.

Miss Winifred Mullaney, Secretary of the Australian Branch.

We deeply regret to record the death of Miss Winifred Mullaney, Secretary of the Australian Branch of the Association.

The following letter, signed by H.R.H. the President, was forwarded to the Australian Branch of our Association :---

#### DEAR DR. RUSSELL,

The Executive Committee of the Parent Association have received with most sincere regret intimation of the death of Miss Winifred Mullaney, Secretary of the Australian Branch of the Royal British Nurses' Association. The Executive Committee desire to convey to you, to your Committee, and to all members of the Association in Australia, an expression of very deep sympathy.

The Committee of the Parent Association feel that the death of Miss Mullaney is a calamity, not merely for the Royal British Nurses' Association, but for the Profession of Nursing as a whole. On very frequent occasions, they have had reason to express their admiration of the manner in which Miss Mullaney discharged her duties and used, in the service of the nursing profession, outstanding powers of initiative, great ability, and a tireless energy in promoting the best interests of the nurses.

I would ask you also to accept an expression of my own sincere sympathy, and to be so kind as to convey this to your Committee, and to the Members of the Association in Australia.

I am, Yours sincerely, ALEXANDRA, President.

H. H. E. Russell, Esq., O.B.E., M.D.,

Chairman of the Committee,

South Australian Branch, The Royal British Nurses' Association, 12, Dequetteville Terrace,

Kent Town, Adelaide.

The loss which our Australian Branch has sustained by the death of Miss Mullaney is indeed a very sad one. She was one of its Founder Members, and, as its Secretary for a number of years, she did most valuable work for the Association in Australia. An Australian matron, now in residence in the Club, paid her a great tribute when she said : "It is those who are alone in the world who will miss Mullaney the most. There are several girls out there to whom the R.B.N.A. Club in Australia has been a real home; many had no other, and it was largely due to Miss Mullaney that they could regard it as such. I know some to whom her death will mean an irreparable, personal loss. She told me often that her great aim, as Superintendent of the Club, was to make it a home for the nurses. She was full of sympathy and interest in her relationship to them, and we all feel that she will be greatly



