number and stabbing the very spirit of economic professional justice in the dark? Nothing could be more dangerous, more contemptible, more mean.

Miss Cattell asked that the Association should give a strong gesture as to its policy in this matter, and it was indicated at the meeting that other organisations of nurses would probably feel impelled to action; and so it was agreed that, if it were decided to form a conjoint committee, the R.B.N.A. should be one of the constituent societies of such committee. Organisations with any real sense of justice, truth and professional ethics cannot remain inarticulate when privileges won by great sacrifices and many a valiant effort are threatened. Over and over again we have to learn from experience that it will be our responsibility often enough to protect these privileges with sacrifice and valour again if we put into effect for our profession the motto, "What I have I hold." We count on the nurses, therefore, to hand on the torch and lead some of their colleagues to a vision of what is taking place. "Where there is no vision the people perish," and let your leaders be ever so able they cannot fight effectively without the support of the rank and file.

# THE SECRETARY OF THE AUSTRALIAN BRANCH. MISS EDITH MAY MENHENNETT.

We learn that Miss Edith May Menhennett, R.R.C., has been appointed Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association's Branch in Adelaide, in succession to Miss Winifred Mullaney, whose death was announced in our last issue. Miss Menhennett was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, and received the Royal Red Cross for service rendered during the Great War; she left Australia to join up for army nursing in 1914, and returned to the Commonwealth in 1919. Most of her war work was done in Egypt, and in Dartford, Kent. Since then she has been chiefly engaged in work connected with the repatriation movement in Australia, and has held appointments as matron in several of its hospitals for soldiers.

Prior to her appointment as Secretary, Miss Menhennett was a member of the Executive Committee of the Association in Australia and a colleague now in England informs us that her appointment is likely to give very great satisfaction to our Australian members. The latter has many personal qualifications for this important appointment, we are informed; she has a charming manner, is very alert, and possessed of excellent powers of initiation, so that the administration of the office of our South Australian Branch is evidently to continue in very capable hands. Our informant tells us that Miss Menhennett is one of the people who "get their own way without force," usually the best way of "winning through" in the end, where one has to deal with any large community. We send to Miss Menhennett the good wishes of the Parent Association for a successful and happy time at our Australian Headquarters.

## WEDDING ON JULY 26th.

Miss Margaret Lamont has asked us to say that she will be very pleased to see all her personal friends in the R.B.N.A. at her wedding to Mr. Ian Rees, B.Sc., at the Brompton Oratory, on the morning of Saturday, July 26th, and at the reception afterwards at the R.B.N.A. Head-quarters. As we go to press, we have yet to learn the exact hour at which the marriage will take place, but anyone who hopes to be present can ascertain this by writing to the Secretary.

A number of Miss Lamont's friends at the Club have given to her, as their wedding gift, a beautiful oak bureau and desk chair. We look forward to a very merry wedding party for both the bride and bridegroom are well known and popular at the Club.

#### AT HOME.

Miss Alice Cattell will be "At Home" to friends and to Members of the Association on Wednesday, July 16th, from 4—6 p.m. She asks us to say that she hopes they will regard this notice as an invitation to be present.

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