

## DANCE AT 194, QUEEN'S GATE.

Miss Dorothy Graham, F.B.C.N., and Miss I. Macdonald, F.B.C.N., have asked us to issue an invitation to Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association and of the British College of Nurses to be present at the Dance they are giving at 194, Queen's Gate, on Saturday, November 8th, from 8 to 12 p.m. They hope that many of the Fellows and Members may be able to be present, but they regret that they must limit their invitation to those who care for dancing, as the drawing-room becomes somewhat crowded on these occasions.

The hostesses will be glad if those who intend to be present will send notice that they are able to accept this invitation either to Miss Graham or Miss Macdonald at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

## TRAINING OF MALE NURSES.

By FREDERICK A. MACE,

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Now that the London County Council have taken over the administrative control of the various Poor Law Hospitals, it should be possible for each Mental Hospital under their control to become affiliated with a General Hospital for the purpose of training the nursing staff in both branches of their profession; it being essential that a General Trained Nurse should have a clear and definite knowledge of the psychology of his patients, and also it is equally important that a Mental Nurse should receive an adequate training in General Nursing.

Already many female nurses have graduated in the two schools, and from personal experience I can say that the general tone and atmosphere of the female wards employing a doubly trained nurse as Sister-in-Charge compares most favourably with General Hospitals.

Owing to the shortage at the present time of doubly trained men it is not yet possible to put a doubly trained man in charge of a male floor, but I contend that with the taking over of General Hospitals the time has now come when double training should be considered for the male staff.

Many male nurses are keen on taking General Training, but unfortunately the married men cannot see their way clear to take this step, owing to financial reasons, and I think that some arrangement could be made whereby a married man could take training without his dependents suffering.

Mental nurses will never take their proper status in the nursing world until the ethics and etiquette of General Hospitals have been instilled into the minds of the staff.

Enormous strides have been made in the training of mental nurses during the past few years, but there is still ample room for improvement.

The introduction of General Trained Sister Tutors has done much to help, but here is a side of that question which needs considering. The female staff have the Sister Tutor with them daily so that apart from lectures they can receive constant instruction and supervision in their wards.

In the training of male nurses this is not the case.

I suggest that a qualified instructor be appointed to the male side—to work with the Sister Tutor at lectures—to make daily rounds of the male wards, and to check and supervise ward work.

It should in time be possible to make every charge nurse doubly qualified before giving him charge of a ward, thus ensuring that proper nursing methods are taught, for the tone of a ward depends to a great extent upon the worthiness or otherwise of the charge nurse.

At present few male charges are capable of instructing probationers, and if a junior nurse attempts to put into practice things taught at lecture he is very often laughed at and told by his charge, "I'm a member of the old school I am; we don't want none of your new-fangled ways here." Not very encouraging for an ambitious probationer!

## Hospital Etiquette.

This makes for efficiency. At present the average male mental nurse has no idea of the strict discipline and etiquette of a General Hospital.

They use each others' christian names freely whilst on duty, and very soon the patients get into the same habit; the term "nurse" is seldom used.

They discuss freely their own affairs amongst themselves and with the patients, and often does one find them discussing their colleagues' private affairs, not realising that their status is being undermined in so doing.

Junior nurses rapidly acquire the habit of treating their seniors with familiarity, and discipline cannot be maintained if a junior probationer is going to do that. Any General Trained nurse would not tolerate it for one moment.

## Male Nurses in General Hospitals.

These *do* receive a better training than their mental colleagues, but it seems a pity that there is not more scope for them after training. Would it not be possible to have one or two male floors in all General Hospitals staffed entirely by male nurses? For example, the Male Receiving Wards and special floors for Genito-Urinary cases.

## URGENCY CASES HOSPITAL, BAR-LE-DUC, REVIGNY

The Twelfth Annual Dinner will take place on Saturday, October 25th, 1930, at Canuto's Restaurant, 88, Baker Street, London, W.1 (entrance in Paddington Street), at 6.45 for 7 o'clock.

The party will adjourn at 9 o'clock to 1A, Portman Mansions (a few minutes' walk from the Restaurant), where Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth will also be very happy to see any member of the staff who is unable to be present at the dinner.

R.S.V.P. to Mr. A. H. Lloyd, 28, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1, from whom dinner tickets at 7/6 (exclusive of wine) and all information may be obtained.

## NIGHTINGALEIANA.

### A Nightingale in the Camp.

Among the world's great women thou hast made thy glorious mark;

Men will hereafter mention make of thee with Joan of Arc;  
And fathers, who relate the Maid of Saragossa's tale,  
Will tell their children, too, of Florence Nightingale.

—Punch, 1855.

## QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING.

EXAMINATION FOR THE ROLL OF QUEEN'S NURSES,  
SEPTEMBER 18TH, 1930.

1.—What are the effects on health of the following:—

- (a) Bad ventilation.
- (b) Constipation.
- (c) Over-clothing.
- (d) Defective drains.

2.—Describe in detail the giving of a vaginal douche. When would you consider it advisable to wear gloves during the process and, when prolonged and careful vaginal douching by a nurse is ordered, give the possible reasons.

3.—What are the early symptoms of (a) enlarged tonsils and adenoids and of (b) measles and what would you do, in each case, on observing these symptoms in a child where you are attending to a patient.

4.—What parts of the body are particularly liable to tuberculosis; what are the predisposing causes and what preventive measures would you take in nursing a case of phthisis in a poor home?

5.—What do you consider it necessary to carry in your bag for general nursing? Explain how you would keep the bag and its contents surgically clean?

6A.—If you were to find comparatively little work in a district you had taken over or the greater part consisting of chronic cases only, what would you do about it?

or

6B.—What do you know of the nursing of insured persons?

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