

## ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND GENERAL MEETING.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., presided at the Annual General Meeting of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund which was held at 194, Queen's Gate on April 27th. The meeting was well attended.

The Annual Report, in spite of the present serious conditions, ruling in the economic situation, was a very satisfactory one. During the year ended December 31st, 1932, £1,000 had been invested towards the foundation of fresh annuities while the whole expenditure for the year, including expenses for printing and postage, which are always a very heavy item, had amounted to only £147. The amount received in subscriptions was £67 less than in the previous year but this was almost balanced by an increase in the donations received. In moving a vote of thanks to the Princess for taking the Chair, Major Rigg said that he would like on behalf of those present to express their appreciation of the gracious kindness of Her Royal Highness in presiding. He knew that the profession of nursing was very dear to her heart and subscribers to the Fund could not but be encouraged by the interest which she took in it. Major Rigg said that the report of the Fund, as read annually, always seemed to him such a very human document; on the one side it spoke of effort and generosity and on the other, at the Council table, there could be read in the letters that came up, real evidence that such effort and generosity bore rich fruit.

### CONCERT.

Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur, R.R.C., S.R.N., has graciously consented to be present at a Concert which Miss Bessie Kiek is arranging in support of our Settlement Home for retired Members. It will take place on Thursday, May 18th, at 3.30 p.m. The following well-known artistes have most kindly consented to appear:—Miss Betty Bannerman, Contralto; Miss Peggy Cochrane, Violin; Miss Bessie Kiek, Piano; Miss Thelma Reiss-Smith, Violoncello; Mr. Lawrence Holmes, Baritone. This is likely to prove one of the finest musical entertainments we have yet had at headquarters, and we are deeply indebted to those who are thus so generously placing their artistic talent and exceedingly valuable time at the disposal of our Benevolent Activities.

The Settlement had a very heavy strain put on its finances when a long garden wall had to be completely re-built and now the outside of the house requires painting and several of the rooms are to be redecorated. A property such as this constantly calls for expenditure if it is to be kept in good repair, and we hope that the Members will show their appreciation of the kindness shown to us by making the concert known among their friends and helping us in every way possible to sell the tickets.

### AMERICAN TEA.

On Wednesday, March 29th, we had an American Tea in support of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Scholarships (1933-34). It proved a particularly enjoyable afternoon, and resulted in about £10 towards the amount which we have undertaken to contribute to the Scholarships. During the afternoon there was a lantern entertainment of "Things beautiful and wonderful in Human Surroundings" which was much enjoyed.

### WEDDINGS.

On March 27th, Miss May Newbold was married to Mr. Philip Stanley, of 26, Adelaide Crescent, Hove, at St. Patrick's Church, Hove; and on April 1st Miss Dorothy

Ryan was married to Mr. G. Smellie, of The White House, Great Missenden. We wish them all much happiness.

### SETTLEMENT HOME.

There is now a room vacant at our Settlement Home for Retired Members of the Association. Applications for this should be received prior to May 19th. Full particulars can be obtained on application to the Secretary.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Annual General Meeting of the Corporation will be held at 194, Queen's Gate, on Thursday, June 13th, at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided after the Meeting. We would remind our Members that it simplifies the work of the Scrutineers if ballot papers are returned at an early date, also that the envelope containing the ballot paper should be marked "Ballot Paper" and that no other communication should be enclosed therewith.

ISABEL MACDONALD.

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE ASSOCIATION OF HOSPITAL MATRONS.

We are pleased to learn from Miss Cox-Davies (the Hon. Secretary of the Association of Hospital Matrons) that the Sale at the London Hospital, where the meeting was held on April 1st was so successful that it is hoped that altogether six representatives of the Association may be helped financially to attend the International Congress of Nurses in July. This is an excellent result of organisation, and we have no doubt all those who attend will have a very warm welcome, and will enjoy the society of colleagues from all over the world. We feel sure they will admire the beautiful robes of Eleanor of Castile (Miss Lucy Duff Grant), their representative in the Tableau of "Historic Royal Nurses" in Paris.

### MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 41st Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on Saturday, June 3rd, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m.

### GUY'S HOSPITAL PAST AND PRESENT NURSES' LEAGUE.

Guy's Hospital Nurses' League is holding its Thirty-third Annual Meeting and Twenty-fifth Annual Dinner in their beautiful Home at the Hospital, on May 5th, just as we go to press. This Dinner is always a very cheery gathering and the Exhibits of Photographs, Paintings, Sketches, Needlework, etc., combine to make a wonderful display, the workmanship usually being of a very high order.

The Scholarship Fund, which is being raised by the Nurses' League as a Memorial to the late Sir Cosmo Bonsor—a most kind friend to the Nursing Staff, for many years—to provide a special course of Post-Graduate study at home or abroad for a member of the League, was liberally supported at the Concert and Entertainment, held on April 19th and 20th, in the Medical School, kindly lent by the Dean.

The Reunion Garden Party will be held at the Nurses' Cottage, 30, Dunoos Road, Devonshire Road, Honor Oak Park, on June 21st, to which all Past Guy's Nurses will be welcome.

### THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Third Annual General Meeting and Reunion of Past and Present Nurses will be held in the Nurses' Home on Saturday, May 20th, 1933, at 3 p.m. Tea.

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