

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## RESOLUTION ON REGULATIONS RELATING TO HOURS OF WORK IN THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL HOSPITALS.

The following Resolution was adopted at a recent Meeting of the Executive Committee and a copy of it was forwarded to the Medical and Hospitals Committee of the London County Council:—

### RESOLUTION.

"That the Medical and Hospitals Committee of the London County Council be urged to so adjust arrangements for the off duty time of Sisters in Municipal Hospitals that it shall be possible for the latter to be present at public worship, at the ordinary hours for this, in the churches which they prefer to attend and, further, that such adjustment shall provide against the contingency that a ward shall, at any time, be in the charge of one sister or one nurse only."

## BIRTHDAY PARTY AND SALE OF WORK.

We hope that there will be the usual large attendance at our "Birthday Party" on the afternoon of Saturday, December 7th (the anniversary of the foundation of the Association), from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be the usual ceremony of cutting the birthday cake with its forty-eight candles and, no doubt, plenty of the gaiety and singing that usually follows the ceremony. We are hoping also to have one or two songs from a well-known professional singer if it happens that she is not engaged on that day.

The "birthday gifts" are already arriving for the Sale of Work, which takes place on the same day (from 2 to 6 p.m.), for the House Beautiful Fund, and very charming some of them are. We appreciate them very much and also the kind letters that have accompanied these gifts. The fund which benefits is a very great help in keeping beautiful our large headquarters at Queen's Gate. Here we have so many happy gatherings of members and friends throughout the year, but "the Birthday" is the one which seems to possess the greatest attraction, and we hope to see a large party on December 7th.

## BENEVOLENT FUNDS.

As we go to press we have just had the welcome news of a legacy for the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund; the amount—five hundred pounds, free of duty—was left by Mr. Douglas Eyre, and, needless to say, we very sincerely appreciate the great kindness which led him to give to the Annuity Fund a place in his will. We are not likely to receive the sum for some time, but we were very glad to have intimation of the fact that it is coming. The interest arising on Trust Investments is very much smaller now than it was a few years ago, and it takes a very great deal of work to collect sufficient money to found an annuity, but this legacy will prove an enormous help towards the

foundation of one. At the present time seventy nurses are receiving annuities, and sometimes we reflect sadly on how much longer that list would have been had the interest on investments not fallen to nearly half what it was not so many years ago.

We would remind our Members again of our Sale of Calendars from which we hope to send cheques to at least a hundred and fifty sick and aged nurses so that we may be assured that they are having a comfortable and happy Christmas. In many cases our cheque makes all the difference, and we send one to any of our colleagues whom we know to be lonely or in straitened circumstances owing to age or ill-health, irrespective of whether they belong to the R.B.N.A. or not. The gifts are all the more acceptable as the six months covered by the Annuity Fund cheques (sent in July) are drawing to their close at this season.

We would draw our Members' attention at this Christmas season to the Helena Benevolent Fund which is constantly helping sick and aged Members of the Association throughout the year. Many grants are made from it at every meeting of the Committee, but, owing to that kindness and generosity so characteristic of Members of the R.B.N.A., its banking account resembles the widow's cruse or the milking pail of St. Brigid, of which we are to unfold a tale on Registration Day.

## CLUB FIXTURES.

On Thursday, November 14th, at 5.0 p.m., we are to have a lecture on "The Arthurian Legends" by Miss Gwen Owen. Mrs. Ta Bois, M.R.B.N.A., is very kindly arranging a Flag Whist Drive in aid of the Settlement Home for Saturday, 23rd November, at 8.0 p.m. Much appreciation is expressed, by the nurses at the Settlement Home, of the kindness of the Members in helping to maintain this, and at present we have quite a long waiting list for rooms. In these days of reduced dividends, however, we find it necessary to take an occasional effort to help its finance. Our nice Georgian House in Clapton Square must be kept in good repair, and there are always heavy responsibilities in other directions in connection with freehold property in London. On Tuesday, November 26th, at 3.0 p.m., Dr. King Brown, M.D., D.P.H., is to give us a lecture on "Factors in the Maintenance of Health," which is sure to prove interesting. On Saturday, November 30th, at 8.0 p.m., we are to have a dance. Tickets for this will be 5s., and the Secretary will be glad if those intending to be present will communicate with her before the close of the month.

There was a large attendance at Miss Macdonald's "At Home" on 14th October, and "the Ramblers" turned out in good numbers to start a series of Rambles in connection with "The Tower and its Surroundings." Major Rigg has very kindly promised to give us a lecture on the Tower of London in January, which will add greatly to the interest of these expeditions.

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