## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MENTAL NURSES

The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association held their quarterly meeting on Saturday last—a warm day when the cool drawing-room of the Royal British Nurses' Club, fragrant with the scent from bowls of crimson roses, was a particularly pleasant place in which to meet. Miss Sewart, in the absence of Miss Cuthbert, was in the chair, and Miss Taylor, the honorary secretary, matron

of the Kent County Asylum, Chartham, Canterbury, dealt with the business side of the meeting. In consequence of a decision on the part of the Association, a circular letter had been sent to one hundred and forty-four mental hospitals, asking for donations towards a special scholarship for mental nurses under the Florence Nightingale Memorial scheme. By means of this scholarship -for which £250 is needed-a nurse can take various post-graduate courses at Bedford College, all fees being covered. Only forty-four hospitals had replied, but many of these were encouraging, and it was decided that the scheme should go ahead and that the hospitals from which no answer should come should be written to again and asked for a contribution of 1s. from each nurse. The meeting concluded with tea.

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