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## CHRISTMAS AT THE CLUB.

The Club was full at Christmas-time, and we spent a very merry Christmas Day, for everyone seemed determined that the festive season should be observed in a true old English fashion. Miss Rice, with the attendance of "Buttons," made the hall and public rooms look very beautiful in their Christmas attire, and the evergreens wreathing the high panelling of the dining room were particularly effective; on the dinner table all the gifts of flowers which arrived for the members and staff of the Club were commandeered, so that it seemed as though there were a revel of the flowers as well as of human folk in the R.B.N.A. dining room on Christmas night. Dainty Roman hyacinths and fragrant freesias kept company, at a respectful distance, with stalwart chrysanthemums and prickly holly. Beautiful white and palest lavender lilac and white narcissi, graceful and slender, rose from tall vases, white heather trailed round a silver horseshoe beside which a black cat, with an enormous tail, faced the members in residence from its place at the top of the horseshoe table, and, above all, the Banner swayed under the cornice at the top of the dining room. There was plenty of Christmas fare for a thoroughly orthodox Christmas tea and dinner, thanks to Mrs. John Temple, who generously provided both. Mr. Montague Price and Mr. Dunbar Buller sent us most beautiful turkeys, from Mrs. Hayes Palmer and Miss Butcher came large boxes of crackers, from Miss Glover a large cake, from Miss Trevena a bottle of excellent Port, from Miss Liddiatt and Mrs. Rutherford chocolates. A most hilarious party sat down to the good fare, and, after many toasts and songs, adjourned to the drawing room, where dancing, singing and games were kept up to a late hour.

On Christmas Sunday the younger members of the Association entertained the early members. It was a very happy gathering, but we missed this year many of the old familiar faces who have rarely been absent from these gatherings before.

On New Year's Eve the Scottish members in residence entertained the English and Irish members to midnight festivities, and so we saw to it that the New Year made its entrance under favourable auspices. After singing Auld Lang Syne the company went off to bed and two Scottish nurses proceeded to "first foot" them all in turn.

## TWO GENEROUS DONORS.

We have to acknowledge this month gifts from two very generous donors. Mrs. John Temple, M.R.B.N.A., has given two separate donations of a hundred pounds each to the Princess Christian Memorial Fund. The first donation of £100 was a personal gift from herself, and the second sum of the same amount was granted from the John Temple Endowment Trust, of which Mrs. Temple is the principal Trustee. Members will unite in thanking Mrs. Temple very warmly for such a splendid gift, and the best way in which to do so is to put on their thinking caps and decide in what way they too can add to the Memorial Fund

to the President whom all loved, for this scheme is one in which Mrs. Temple is deeply interested. She has been a nurse herself, and it is one of her great ambitions to see the Club well endowed, so that it may be as comfortable as possible, and also that we may be able to have a certain assured income from investments, and thereby to reduce the cost to the nurses of living there. Mrs. Temple has gone off to the sunny South for a number of weeks, and we hope to be able to report substantial progress when she returns, in order to prove our appreciation of her kindness. We also offer very warm thanks to Mr. Sydney Pitt, Solicitor to the Corporation, for a very generous donation of twenty guineas to the General Purposes Fund.

## OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Amy Bartlett, who was for many years Nursing Sister at St. Cyprian's Home. Miss Bartlett became a member of the Association in 1888, and has taken a keen and active interest in it ever since. In spite of her advanced age she was doing most valuable work at St. Cyprian's Home until about a week before her death, when she went off to take a much-needed holiday. It was during this holiday that the end came very suddenly and very peacefully.

## APPOINTMENT.

We have learnt with great pleasure that Miss Mary Allbutt has been appointed Matron of Fulham Infirmary, and we offer to her our warm congratulations and good wishes. Miss Allbutt is Assistant Matron of Whipps Cross Infirmary, and is a very able administrator, very energetic, and keenly alive to the importance of taking an interest in matters relating to her profession as well as in those which are more immediately concerned with her work. Miss Allbutt joined the Association in 1919, and has been most kind in connection with its various schemes, and particularly so in helping on the Benevolent Funds of the Corporation.

## DANCE.

The Annual Dance will take place at the Club on Friday, February 1st, at 8 p.m. We shall be grateful to hear from members who will sell tickets for this. The cost of these is 5s. each.

## WHIST DRIVE.

On Friday, January 25th, there will be a Whist Drive in aid of the Helena Benevolent Fund. The tickets for this will be 2s. each, and prizes will be given.

## ENGAGEMENTS.

The engagement is announced of Miss Emma Aughton, M.R.B.N.A., to J. Hamilton Gibson, Esq., O.B.E., M.Eng., M.I.N.A., M.I.C.E., of Sutton, Surrey.

The engagement is announced of Miss Isobel Collins, M.R.B.N.A., to Philip Mapleston, Esq., M.D., D.P.H., of Sierra Leone.

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