

teriously (perhaps Miss Treasure can tell us how it happened) ascended to the drawing room.

We do not as a rule single out one more than another of the members who all try to make Christmas a time of happiness and goodwill, but the nurses have done this themselves; on Christmas Eve, a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association's Co-operation said that they wished to make some tangible acknowledgment to Miss Treasure (of the Registered Nurses' Society) of their appreciation of her unselfish efforts to make their Christmas happy, and of all her kindness, not only at Christmas-time, but throughout the year, in supplying the Club with much of its wealth of beautiful flowers and plants. And so there was presented to her three beautifully-bound volumes of poetry—"A garland of loveliness from your colleagues who have so appreciated all the beauty you have brought into the Club."

After dinner came dancing and bridge until suddenly Miss Treasure appeared at the door, in State Registered Uniform again, to waive a last good-bye before her journey to Harrow. There was one spontaneous rush, and suddenly she was raised shoulder high and carried round the drawing room—the valiant victor of our Christmas festival, with her own presents lying unopened and forgotten in the hall below.

#### APPOINTMENT.

Miss Kathleen Raye has recently been appointed Lady Almoner at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham. This hospital, with characteristic enterprise, has made a sound precedent in the appointment of a trained nurse to such an office, for she must, of necessity, bring to her work a very large amount of valuable experience. Miss Raye holds the Certificate of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and, although still quite young, has had a very varied career. She also possesses considerable literary talent, and one of her articles appeared quite recently in a well-known American periodical.

#### LECTURE.

We have just heard as we go to press, that we are to have quite a novel entertainment on Saturday, January 22nd, at 7.45 p.m., when Madame Clara Novello-Davies will lecture on "Singing Physicals" with illustrations. The Lecture should be one of special interest to those interested in Hygiene.

Mr. Christopher le Fleming, the well-known pianist, will be at the piano and there will be a short musical entertainment before the Lecture commences. There will be a collection after the entertainment in aid of the Helena Benevolent Fund.

#### SUCCESS FOR A MEMBER OF THE R.B.N.A.

It was a great joy to Mrs. Sherliker's (Lucy Ashby) many friends to open the *Sunday Express* some short time ago and to read the news that she had won the £100 Prize in its "Life Story" Competition.

On Sunday afternoons Members of the R.B.N.A. often foregather in its drawing-room at tea time, and the *Sunday Express* saw "active service" there, on the afternoon when the announcement of the award appeared; it passed from one to another with very great diligence.

The story, despite its sadness, was attractive in the sense of value which was shown in connection with the portrayal of its various incidents, in the knowledge of humanity displayed and in the fascinating manner in which its story unwinds itself.

Mrs. Sherliker is a versatile writer, for it is only recently that, in collaboration with Mrs. Earp, she published "When Baby Comes," a volume which has had considerable success. From her pen we occasionally see articles of a less technical character appearing in popular publications. We offer to her the warm congratulations of her fellow Members on her latest literary achievement.

#### TO THE MEMBERS.

The Secretary and her Staff desire to offer to the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association their very warm and sincere thanks for all the messages of goodwill received during the Christmas season; these have given very great pleasure indeed.

#### ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We remind our Members that, under the provisions of Bye-law VIII, all Annual Subscriptions to the Association fall due on January 1st in each year. Very many of them have been received, but a considerable number still remain to be sent up; delay in connection with this adds very greatly to the expenses of the office and to the amount of work falling to the clerical staff.

This year we wish specially to draw the attention of the Members to the Helena Benevolent Fund. The income of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund is reserved to grant annuities to nurses, while the Settlement Fund provides a Home for retired Nurses; both of these Funds, therefore, have a specific purpose, and cannot come forward to give temporary relief or assistance. The result is that the claims made upon the Helena Benevolent Fund are always very great, as it constantly has to give help in cases where the Annuity or Settlement Funds cannot do so. During the past year it has helped both aged nurses and younger Members who have been overtaken by some unexpected and temporary incapacity. The result is that the "Helena's" bank balance was alarmingly low at the beginning of the year and, although it has greatly recovered owing to the warm-hearted generosity of many of our Members, it still requires support, if it is to be of use to our less fortunate fellow-members in the year now opening. In recognition of the fact that not a single request for help has been refused, during the last twelve months, we ask each Member of the Association to forward the subscription of one shilling annually to the Fund. This is not a very large amount of money, but it means a very large amount of help for sick and aged Members of the Association if each Member rises to the occasion.

#### ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement of Miss Georgina Neighbour to Major Lawlor, of Westcliffe, is announced. Miss Neighbour is well known to many Members of the Association, and has a seat on its Council. For several years she had a Nursing Home in the West End, which was held in high repute by members of the Medical Profession. We offer to Miss Neighbour and Major Lawlor the good wishes of the Association for their happiness.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Dorothea M. Oldham, a member of the Association who took a keen interest in its activities and served on its Council and Executive Committee in years gone by. For a period also she represented the Association on the Central Midwives' Board.

#### DONATIONS.

*House Beautiful Fund.*—Miss Neighbour, £5; Misses Blezard and Swaby Smith, £3; Miss Jordan, £1 10s.; Miss I. Macdonald, £1 1s. 6d.; Miss F. E. Howell, £1 1s.; Misses Maxwell-Moffatt and Nattle, £1; Mrs. St. John, 10s. 6d.; Misses Dow and Gooding, 10s.; Mrs. Murray, 10s.; Miss A. Pearson, 5s.; Mrs. Guess, 4s.; Mrs. Aylesbury, 3s. 6d.; Miss Whitford, 1s. 6d.

*General Purposes Fund.*—Miss F. E. Howell, 10s.; Miss Ker, 5s.

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