

THE REPORT OF THE SOUTH AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

The South Australian Committee report that the Branch Association is in "a most satisfactory condition." They place on record their sincere admiration of Miss Graham, R.R.C., their appreciation of her keen interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the Association and look forward to welcoming her to their counsels again after an extended holiday in England. Appreciation is also expressed of the kindness of Dr. Corbin, the retiring Chairman, who is to take a long sea voyage. The satisfactory financial position of the Association is very largely due to his excellent management. Dr. Steele Scott has been elected Chairman.

Great regret is expressed in recording the death of Lady Dudley, Patroness of the Branch.

Congratulations are offered to the following members who have been married during the year:—Nurses Foster, Furniss, Jones, Howitt, Beck, Cope, Hancock, Dart, Daw, and Shillabeer.

Miss Heritage has been appointed Matron and Miss Alleyne Assistant Matron at the Lady Galway Club, Henley Beach. Miss Rinder, R.R.C., has obtained an appointment at the Unley Town Hall. All three ladies are members of the South Australian Branch of the R.B.N.A.

THE NURSES' CLUB.

WEDDING RECEPTIONS.

A little bird has told us that the first event at the Club, after the holidays, is to be the wedding reception of one of our members, and we learn that before the first birthday of the Club comes round there is likely to be at least one more wedding; for a certain pretty little lady is telling a bridegroom-to-be that unless he promises to summon up sufficient courage to come from his wedding to the R.B.N.A. Club she will refuse to go to church.

SUGGESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTUMN AND WINTER FIXTURES.

A LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY.

A letter is inserted this week from one of the members containing a suggestion that we should form a Literary Society in connection with the Association, while other members, at a recent meeting, proposed that the nurses should have their own Debating Society. The best course, perhaps, would be to have both in one, and we shall be glad to have the names of members who would like to join.

We might have the meetings on a certain day of each week, probably in the evening, and it could be arranged that alternate evenings should be used for studying some well-known character or special subject, while other evenings might be kept for debate. Both would prove very helpful, and, especially from the latter, members would

learn a habit of forming opinions of their own and of expressing such opinions easily.

During the autumn we are to have a wonderful lecture on "Napoleon the Peacemaker," and perhaps we could not do better than commence the meetings of the Literary Society by learning something of the greatest personality in European history. At a meeting of "The Napoleon Coterie" we heard Mr. Woodrow claim that in this lecture, to be given at the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club, he would prove that Napoleon was one of the greatest and most persevering of peacemakers, and also that he would shed quite a new light altogether upon his character from that in which it usually stands out in materialistic history. There is not a doubt that the lecture will prove an exceedingly interesting one as many expect to attend who have made a close study of the life of Napoleon Bonaparte. The discussion which will probably follow the lecture should be most interesting, and the latter will be all the more enlightening if, until it takes place at least, we can, at the meetings of the Literary Society make a special study of the life of the Great Napoleon. It is just possible that some very interesting relics may be on view after the lecture.

LACE MAKING AND ART NEEDLEWORK.

It has been proposed that the nurses should arrange to have lace-making and art needlework classes at their Club, but no plans can be made in connection with this until we know how many are likely to join. Perhaps those who wish to will kindly send their names to the Secretary, at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A LITERARY SOCIETY.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—We are most anxious to start a Literary Society. It should be the means of having many very pleasant and profitable evenings during the winter months. If at the end of a term we know something more about the inner life of even one famous man or woman, what made them famous, and why, when other men and women are forgotten, they stand out, remembered always. Then listeners could co-operate with speakers in the debates. We want what should be a valuable interchange of thought, to hear one another's views and to help in forming our own opinions and improving our knowledge.

Yours sincerely,

JESSIE HOLMES.

A REMINDER.

Members are reminded that the Library is closed during August.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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