

was altogether charming and she received many an enthusiastic encore. Miss Erica Greene is a born actress and her imitative powers are beyond criticism. She was at her best in her sketches of children, and her account of the manner in which a group of urchins in the park solved (or rather did not solve) the problem of how to divide an apple in five was indeed a most choice portrayal of young cockney character, its gestures, its dialect, its worldly wisdom and its innocence. Miss Martin and her violin added in no small measure to the evening's enjoyment, and Mr. Hamilton's singing, and especially his "train song," called forth peal after peal of laughter. After the concert we heard many remarks of appreciation of the accompaniments played by Mrs. Cumbers. Our fine piano indeed found a player worthy of it.

#### THE NAPOLEON COTERIE.

Just a few days before the date upon which we had arranged for the lecture on Napoleon to be given at 194, Queen's Gate, we received, with deep regret, the news that Mr. Woodrow, who had undertaken to give this lecture, had become seriously ill. Major Rigg kindly offered to give instead an address on the Napoleon Coterie. At the last moment Dr. Percival White was prevented, by illness in his family, from taking the chair, and Mr. Adams, a member of the Coterie, who chanced to be present, took the chair and introduced Major Rigg.

The lecturer gave an account of the activities of the Napoleon Coterie, the principal object of which is to carry on research work in connection with the greatest military genius after Julius Cæsar, and to clear away many misapprehensions which exist in regard to his character. More than eight thousand books on Napoleon have been published, and yet much remains to be told. Napoleon, said Major Rigg, was not only a great man but a great benefactor. He was the child of the Revolution, but when the Revolution began to get on wrong lines, to proceed to inordinate excesses, Napoleon set before him the task of bringing back good government, religion, law and security of life and property. Major Rigg gave a very interesting account of the rapidity with which event followed event in Napoleon's life and administration. He was a man of peace, he was passionately anxious for peace, and had Charles James Fox lived but a few years longer to influence affairs in England, Napoleon's career and subsequent reputation would have been very different. Touching references were made to the captivity in St. Helena, and Major Rigg gave several dates, connected with events in Napoleon's life, upon which the Coterie proposes to have meetings within the forthcoming twelve months at the houses of members of the Coterie. Some one in the audience asked whether one of those meetings might take place at the R.B.N.A. Club, and Major Rigg kindly undertook to ask Dr. Arnold Chaplin to give his lecture on the Autopsy of Napoleon, at 194, Queen's Gate, in January. If Dr. Chaplin is able to do this we expect to have a large attend-

ance, as the subject is one of peculiar interest to medical men and nurses. Mr. Woodrow has promised to give his lecture at some later date. A Resolution was passed expressing the sympathy of the members with him in his illness and their hopes for his recovery, and Major Rigg promised to convey this message to him.

#### FIXTURES AT THE CLUB.

For Saturday (November 5th) Mr. Paterson, Medical Hon. Secretary, is arranging a concert which promises to be very delightful and in certain of its features highly amusing. The concert will commence at 8 p.m., but we realise that it is difficult for nurses in Hospitals and Nursing Homes to get over so early, and will be pleased if they will come along as soon after 8 p.m. as their duties permit them to. Refreshments will be served for those who wish for them after the concert at the cost of one shilling.

On Saturday, November 12th, the Astronomer Royal, Sir Frank Dyson, will lecture.

#### THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

It is proposed that there should be a Doll Stall at the Sale of Work for the Annuity Fund, which takes place about the end of November, and we have got several dolls which require dressing. We shall be glad to hear from those Members who will be willing to dress one for us, and will be glad, if, when they write, they will let us know whether they would like us to send on material for the dresses also.

#### DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following donations to the General Fund: Miss Perro, 10s. 6d.; Miss L. Cheetham, 10s. To the Club Fund: Mrs. Hoadley, 10s.; Miss Morgan, 6s. 10d.; and Miss Garstang, 2s. 9d.

#### ENGAGEMENT.

Miss Mai Cowley will be married to Captain Black at Holy Trinity Church, Kensington, on Tuesday, 15th inst. A reception will be held afterwards at the Association's Club, 194, Queen's Gate.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with very deep regret that we report the death of Mrs. Myatt, a member of the R.B.N.A., who kept in very close touch with the Association. Her charming personality made her exceedingly popular, and we were very proud to number her among our members. Mrs. Myatt had been ailing for some time, but the news of her death came with startling suddenness, and we would express to Mr. Myatt and his little daughter our deep sympathy with them in their irreparable loss. Mr. Myatt has been a very kind friend to the nurses, and probably his interest in them was inspired to no small extent by his affection for his wife, who was an ideal nurse in every sense of the word.

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