

one wished to, partly because it showed such versatility and partly because each part of the programme was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present. Miss Glover's singing was quite delightful and Mr. Herschell's clever and humorous songs were enthusiastically received. At the last moment two musicians who had promised to take part in the evening's entertainment were prevented from doing so by illness, and Mrs. Councillor Reidy, with her usual willingness to help in any enterprise of the members of her profession, agreed in the emergency to motor up to take part in the Queen's Gate concert before going on to sing again at another. Her songs received the appreciation they always do when she comes to the Club, while Mr. Paterson's conjuring aroused much amusement and curiosity and introduced quite a novel element into the concert programme. Miss Herschell's accompaniments added in no small measure to the evening's enjoyment.

At its close Mr. Paterson thanked the musicians for the treat they had been so good as to give to the members of the Association. Miss Tipper voiced the thanks of the audience remarking that the last occasion upon which she had met Mr. Paterson was one very different in character. He was one of the principal speakers on a platform on which he strongly supported a policy calculated to protect the status and qualifications of the nurses. The atmosphere on that occasion was considerably less harmonious than at the present gathering. The audience then joined in singing "For he's a jolly good fellow," and after the National Anthem had been sung gradually dispersed, but not without expressing the hope that there might be many such concerts at their club.

#### FIXTURES AT THE CLUB.

We shall not have our usual Saturday afternoon gathering this week. A dramatic entertainment which was to have been given has been postponed and, as the domestic staff had a more than usually busy day because of the wedding on Tuesday, we decided not to make any fresh fixture for to-day.

Members are reminded that Miss Christie of Cowden Castle, Perthshire, will lecture, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 26th inst., at 194, Queen's Gate, on "Russian Central Asia." Miss Christie is a well-known Eastern traveller and has penetrated into parts of Asia visited by no other European lady. We look forward with great interest to her lecture and the large selection of lantern views which she is to show us in connection with it.

The Sale of Work in aid of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund is to take place on Friday, December 9th, and Her Royal Highness the President has graciously promised to open this. There is still much to be done in preparation for the Sale and we think that, instead of having any of the usual entertainments on the afternoon of December 3rd, the nurses will be kind enough to come to the Club to help us to put the prices on the gifts and to make various other preparations for the following Friday. There are still several dolls to be dressed

and we shall be grateful if any members who have time to help us and are willing to do so, will call, during the week, for the dolls.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### A DANGER TO WORKING NURSES.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—I have received a circular on the new publication known as *Health*, and thought I would sample it before ordering a copy. I will be glad if you will insert a letter in our Supplement as I wish to advise our members not to subscribe to it. There is nothing in it that you will not get in other nursing papers and as it is evidently to be a second official organ for the College of Nursing, Ltd. (though other nursing organisations are affiliated to the Federation), I do not see that it is likely to be useful to the R.B.N.A. nurses. I have heard more than one nurse remark on the favour which the editor has shown to the College, and the indifference he has shown to the societies organised and financed by the working nurses led me to make some enquiries. As usual, the College has something to do with it, for I learn that the sub-editor of *Health* is the paid editor of the College of Nursing *Bulletin* and so it is not surprising that one paragraph in the last issue of *Health* is little short of impertinent in its comparisons. In these comparisons it draws attention to the fact that the College has captured the Matrons, but, as usual, there is no reference to the greatest source of power it possesses, and one that is of great danger to the working nurses, namely, the control of large funds obtained by methods that the organised societies have scorned to stoop to. Moreover, when the societies appeal for broken-down nurses they give the money to these nurses.

Please insert this letter in the Journal and lay the other before our Committee.

Yours truly,

CECILIA LIDDIATT.

#### WEDDING.

On Tuesday, 15th inst., at Holy Trinity Church, Kensington, Miss Mai Cowley was married to Captain Black, of the Indian Army Service. The reception was held afterwards at the Royal British Nurses' Association's Club, 194, Queen's Gate. The bride wore a white satin dress and a veil of run Limerick lace, with a wreath of orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of white roses, white carnations and asparagus fern. Many telegrams conveying congratulations were received, among them one from H.R.H. the President of the Royal British Nurses' Association and another from Miss Sparshott, Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, at which Mrs. Black received her training. The honeymoon is to be spent in a beautiful old-world house in Surrey, which has been lent to the bride and bridegroom.

ISABEL MACDONALD,  
Secretary to the Corporation.

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