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## DISINTERESTED AND DEVOTED WORK FOR THE ASSOCIATION.

MISS GRACE ANDERSON.

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—

May I be permitted, through the medium of our Supplement, to thank the Members of the R.B.N.A. who have united in sending me a cheque to buy something for my Bungalow, as a memento of their friendship. I value this friendship very deeply, and it will indeed be such a pleasure to me to have here something that I feel is, in a sense, a part of our R.B.N.A. It will always have about it memories of all our happy days together.

Please give everyone my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

I am, Yours sincerely,  
GRACE ANDERSON.

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Hamworthy.

The above letter may require some explanation. A number of the nurses in the Association arranged among themselves a short time ago that Miss Grace Anderson should have from them some memento of all she did for them and for their Association. They have sent her a cheque that she may make her own choice of a gift. In the R.B.N.A. Miss Anderson has many friends and, indeed, its Members owe to her a deep debt of gratitude for help which she gave at a very critical period in the history of English nursing. When the Office was overwhelmed with work, during the months subsequent to the date upon which Major Barnett was successful in drawing a place in the ballot, and when the claims upon our financial resources were very great, Miss Anderson came to us between her cases to help in addressing envelopes or in doing other work. One morning she arrived, and, to our surprise, as calmly as she might have stated that she was going to a case, announced that she had made up her mind to give a year's work to her Association. And she was more than as good as her word. For longer than that she lived at her own expense, and came with the regularity that one would expect of a paid worker, to give long months of clerical work, taking merely the ordinary holidays. Only those working with

her at that time can realise what her self-sacrifice meant to the Association and to the struggle in which it was then engaged. Last autumn she and Miss Erskine (another Member of the R.B.N.A.) started an enterprise of their own, and Miss Anderson went out from our Offices as unostentatiously as she had entered them, with her cheery "Don't mention it," when we tried to thank her. But we hope that the gift which Miss Anderson is to choose for her bungalow will not be regarded by her as merely a token of affection from certain of her fellow members, but that she will also regard it as a tangible memento of work which stands to her credit in the Association which she loves so well and, while the Association lasts, that work must live and influence the profession.

Many nurses would risk giving up a lucrative practice for a year to gain a needed rest, some would do so to ease the lot of a sufferer whose means would not allow of payment for services rendered, a few would make the sacrifice to sow ground for the nurses of the future to reap. In that last category, the noblest of the three, stands the name of Grace Anderson.

## LECTURE BY THE ASTRONOMER ROYAL.

### "ECLIPSES."

It is impossible to give any full report of the lecture by the Astronomer Royal on "Eclipses" given recently at the Club because it was illustrated from beginning to end by lantern slides, and therefore no adequate idea can be conveyed in our report of the wonders described. To the popular Medical Honorary Secretary of the R.B.N.A., Mr. Herbert Paterson, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., we owe the privilege of listening to a most fascinating lecture. His friendship with the Astronomer Royal dates back to their University life at Cambridge, and it was at Mr. Paterson's request that the Astronomer Royal consented to give a lecture before the Association. In introducing Sir Frank Dyson Mr. Paterson took opportunity to congratulate him upon having been awarded, a few days previously, the medal of the Royal Society, a greatly coveted honour.

The subject of Eclipses is particularly interesting at the present time, and, at the commencement of his lecture, the Astronomer Royal took us back

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