

illustrated by a series of very fine lantern views as well and we certainly gained much enlightenment and many popular fallacies were dissipated, such as that which relates that a person's hair will sometimes stand on end through fear during a thunderstorm. The Professor explained that the condition was brought about by the pulling effect of electricity on the hair. It was shown also that the mystery of the finding of thunderbolts after such a storm would not bear the light of research and careful examination. One of the experiments which excited the greatest interest was that in which the Professor put a current of electricity upon a twig (attached to his apparatus) to show what takes place when a tree is struck by lightning. The pictures put on the screen showing clouds during a thunderstorm and wonderful examples of lightning flashes added immensely to the wonders of the lecture.

Mr. Paterson's lecture was very greatly enjoyed though sometimes he had to submit to a lively heckling as when, after showing by practical experiment what changes take place in the albumen of an egg cooked as it ought to be, and after carrying through his experiment both with an egg and with the albumen of one in a test tube, the audience insisted upon themselves dissecting the egg in order to prove that his theories were true. From him also we had to suffer the destruction of many pet theories, though doubtless the scientific truths which replaced them should lead to a clearer and more intelligent attitude in respect to invalid feeding; if, too, we are able to remember all the valuable instruction given in connection with the repair of electrical apparatus, we ought to be very useful members of society, indeed, when in these days we are apt to be plunged in darkness just when we are most depending on our supply of electricity.

#### NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN.

Now that the lighter days are coming nurses will wish to be much out of doors, and so it has been decided not to have our regular Saturday afternoon gatherings, but when any special lecture, conference or entertainment is to take place at the Club, due notice of this will be given to the members through our official organ.

#### THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

Nominations will shortly be made for election of Members of the General Council, and we shall be glad if the members will forward to us the names of members of the Association which they wish to have placed on the voting paper lists. These nominations should reach the office before April 30th.

#### THE NAPOLEON COTERIE.

Under the auspices of the Napoleon Coterie a lecture will be given at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W.7, on Friday, May 5th, at 3 p.m. The date fixed upon is the anniversary of Napoleon's death, and we learn from the Honorary Secretary of the Coterie that Sir Arnold Chaplin is to be asked to give the lecture and that, if he consents, the subject of it will be "The Autopsy of Napoleon."

This famous medical man is a great authority on Napoleonic history, and we may look forward to a very wonderful lecture indeed if he accedes to the request of the Coterie. If he is unable to do so some other Member of the Coterie will lecture.

#### STUDY GROUP.

Miss Ina Macleod has written suggesting that we should have a study group which would meet once in each week. We shall be very glad to have the names of nurses who would like to join it. Miss Macleod thinks that psychology would be a suitable subject for study, and we agree with her as it is one which must always prove most helpful to nurses and, at the present time, it is of increasing importance when so many aspects of treatment have been brought forward in which a knowledge of psychology plays a special part. It is suggested that Wednesdays evenings would be very suitable for the group meetings, and we shall be glad to see any nurses for the first, which will take place on May 3rd, at 8 p.m.

#### GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Miss L. Bennett, snowdrops; Miss Cure, eggs; Miss E. Eden, snowdrops; Mrs. Franke, mimosa; Mrs. Langham, eggs; Miss Murdoch, carnations; Mrs. Janette Smith, azalea; National Union of Trained Nurses, books; Mrs. Hayes Palmer, illustrated papers; Miss Bishop, tulips and Devonshire Cream; Miss Liddiatt, oak tray; Miss Cox Sinclair, apples and eggs.

Lady Bowden Smith, box at the Albert Hall; Miss G. Anderson, eggs; Miss Bishop, daffodils; Miss Bylett, dog; Miss Butcher, plant and dog basket; Mrs. Hall, daffodils; Mrs. Hayes Palmer, illustrated papers; Miss Gilligan, eggs; Miss Holles, cake; Miss Howard, tulips; Miss Kidd, carnations and ferns; Miss Rowson, azalea; Miss Trevena, carnations.

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