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THE LATE DUCHESS OF ALBANY.

Members of the Association have received with deep regret the news of the death of the Duchess of Albany. Her life has been one which fulfilled the traditions of our English Royal Family, for she has been untiring in public service, especially in connection with the sick poor of Deptford.

On behalf of the Members Mrs. Campbell-Thomson has conveyed to Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian their deep sympathy in her sorrow and has received in reply a very gracious letter of acknowledgement.

A REFLECTION.

At the end of a holiday, when one has lived at the rate of a thousand a year in happiness and freedom, one is rather apt to return to the dull routine of life regretfully. Somehow the sun didn't shine so brightly, nor was the sky so blue this morning, when we arrived at King's Cross, and the London cabby with his ancient Jehu bore us back to "Queen's Gate"! That feeling was entirely dispelled by the hearty welcome given us on the doorstep; and the atmosphere of comfort and comradeship which our Club always broadcasts made us realise that the "holiday feeling" was not entirely gone.

It would ill become us, who partake of that hospitality often, did we not *sometimes* try to express our gratitude on paper! The R.B.N.A. Club is a *real home from home* for the profession; and the meaning of those four words is best understood by those who have knocked about the world, without the opportunity of perching comfortably anywhere. We dare not even whisper or hint at the inspirer and promoter of all those home comforts, and whose smile of welcome is best of all; but *we* know and are grateful. Every big forward Movement has its leader, and the R.B.N.A. Club is a forward movement in London. Quite recently two friends of the writer's stayed at the Club for ten days, busy women from the "North Country," the land of home-makers, and they have not since ceased to praise its hospitality and genial atmosphere. The beds, food, and attendance were excellent, they said; but the kindness and charm of the officials and the comfort and "homeliness" of the house were their chief impressions. If

strangers visiting London praise it thus, how much greater are its benefits to regular frequenters! It is already the rendezvous of eminent members of the nursing profession as well as the rank and file; and "a day will yet declare it," how many have been cheered and strengthened for difficult work by kindness and sympathy shown them at the Club.

What would this old world be without the handclasp of friendship, and the ready smile of welcome? Nurses are no mere human machines, and perhaps more than other workers need human consideration, because of their exacting work.

They get it in "full measure, pressed down, and running over" at Queen's Gate. Hospitality, that fine courtesy so typical of the British nation, is beautifully woven into the warp and woof of the daily life of the R.B.N.A. Club, Queen's Gate, London.

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NOT FORGOTTEN.

The domestic staff at the Club propose, at their own expense, to entertain the gentlemen of St. Dunstan's during October. As they are to be the hostesses on this occasion, we shall be glad to hear from members of the Association who will come and help in the dining room, in order that we may be able to give the guests the most pleasant afternoon possible, and at the same time show good-will to the staff at the Club, who by their efficient work and courtesy have done so much to make it a home to which the nurses can all look forward to entering again at the close of each period of arduous work. We have had many expressions of heartfelt appreciation of the hospitality shown to the blind soldiers of St. Dunstan's by the R.B.N.A., and therefore very gladly acceded to the request of the staff that they also be given opportunity to show kindness and hospitality to those to whom a debt is due that no kindness can ever repay.

LECTURE.

Major Rigg, O.B.E., has very kindly promised to give a Lecture at 194, Queen's Gate, on Saturday, October 7th, on "London's Guilds, Past, Present and Future," at 4.15 p.m. The subject should prove one of the greatest interest, especially to those who find fascination in the study of the history

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