

of old London, and we look forward to a very pleasant afternoon. As this gathering will be the first to take place at the Club after the holidays, we hope to see many old friends again. Major Rigg is one of the greatest authorities on the history of the City Guilds which have influenced so widely the destinies of the capital of the Empire.

DANCE.

It has been arranged that we have a dance at the Club during the late autumn, and we shall be glad to receive the names of any members who will help us in making arrangements for this. There are many ways in which they can do so, and without their co-operation the chances of arranging a very successful evening are greatly lessened. We hope, therefore, that many letters will reach the office containing offers of help, and then perhaps a committee could be formed to meet at an early date in order to discuss arrangements. It has been proposed that fancy dress should be worn.

A GENEROUS GIFT.

The R.B.N.A. Club has been the recipient of a very generous gift from Miss Cecilia Liddiatt, which takes the form of a fine hot carving table for the dining room; this will prove most valuable in keeping the food hot during the process of carving. It is hardly more than a year since Miss Liddiatt gave to the Association a handsome case of mahogany and glass, in order that its banner might hang in the hall instead of being brought out only on "State occasions"; it has been greatly appreciated, and the "colours" of the Association have been much admired by those who have visited our headquarters from time to time. Recently Miss Liddiatt announced her intention of making another gift to the Corporation. "For," said she, "whenever I have a good year I like to give a present to my Association." Her first intention was to have a large awning put up on the roof, when one of the nurses remarked that it would probably prove more useful to have this over the drawing-room balcony. When, however, Miss Liddiatt chanced to hear that estimates had been obtained from the Gas Company for the installation of a hot table, she promptly went off and ordered one to be connected with the electric light supply. It is proving exceedingly useful at the present time, but it is during the winter that we shall most be able to appreciate its value, when large numbers have to be served and it is difficult to keep meals hot.

Members of the Club have desired us to convey to Miss Liddiatt their most warm thanks for her gift, about which there have been many expressions of appreciation. The R.B.N.A. owes much to Miss Liddiatt. Not only does she, as a Member of the General Council and Executive Committee, take a very keen and active interest in all its work, but she finds many opportunities to help it in other ways. Indeed, often she has been teased and told that it takes precedence, with her, of everything else in life; but they are the most advanced who can put a community before their own personal interests. We can well remember

an occasion within the last few years when the Association was passing through a great crisis, and Miss Liddiatt arrived at the office one morning to say: "My capital at the present time amounts to—". Please understand that the Association can draw up to that amount upon my account, for whatever it requires, without liability for repayment." We hope that Miss Liddiatt will forgive us for repeating what was probably regarded by her as more or less a private conversation, but we feel that her fellow members should know how warm-hearted and generous a friend they have in her, although she is not able, owing to her frequent absences from town, and indeed from England, to take a very public part in its work.

MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION IN MALTA.

At the General Meeting of the Subscribers to the Malta War Memorial for Children, His Excellency the Governor, who is also President of the Hospital, paid an eloquent tribute to the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary, who, he said, were giving to the Memorial at the present time the use of a splendid ward in their magnificent Hospital at Zammit Clapp. The Hospital has, for many years, carried on a great work in Malta, and the enthusiasm of its nursing staff is in no small measure responsible for the very high reputation which it has attained. But this enthusiasm and energy is not confined merely to their hospital. The Sisters take the keenest interest in all aspects of nursing; several are members of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and few keep in closer touch with all its activities or follow with greater attention every piece of work which it undertakes. We have had the pleasure of meeting two Sisters when on leave, and the latest development at their hospital must, we know, have given them very great satisfaction indeed.

MARRIAGE.

Miss Florence Reid was married recently to Mr. Clanman. We offer to both our sincere good wishes for their happiness.

ENGAGEMENT.

The engagement is announced of Miss Nellie Lillecrapp to Walter Hawke, Esq., of Budgate, Launceston. Miss Lillecrapp is a very popular member of the Association, and has taken private cases from it for the last two years. We offer to her and to Mr. Hawke the warmest good wishes and congratulations of the members of the Association.

GIFTS.

Mrs. Hoadley, grapes; Mrs. Hayes Palmer, fruit, vegetables and potatoes; Mrs. Stewart Murray, flowers and vegetables; Misses Bell, Birse, Burke, Dunsford, Griffin, Le Bailey, and Lillecrapp, flowers; Miss Anderson, eggs and flowers; and Miss Harte, cake and butter.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

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