

**GIFTS FOR THE PARTY.**

We are indebted for exceedingly generous gifts of choice cigarettes for the gentlemen of St. Dunstan's from Miss Macvitie, M.R.B.N.A., Montague Price, Esq., D.L., and Ralph Haslam, Esq. We are most grateful for this kindness, as they added so much to the enjoyment of our guests last Saturday afternoon. We warmly thank again all those members who sent us subscriptions for the entertainment.

**ANOTHER TEA FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S.**

We have received a request from the domestic staff at the Club that they may be allowed to give an entertainment for the soldiers of St. Dunstan's at their own expense when the holiday season is over.

**HOMES FOR THE WAIFS AND STRAYS.**

We are requested to convey very warm thanks to the Members who were kind enough to sell flags on July 9th in Queen's Gate in aid of the Homes for Waifs and Strays. Those responsible for the management of the Homes evidently appreciate very greatly the trouble which the nurses have taken to help the little children.

**A BURNING QUESTION.**

On Saturday, 22nd instant, at 5 p.m. we are to have a meeting in connection with the Criminal Law Amendment Bill, the purpose of which is to protect young girls from outrage and very often from moral and physical degradation. The subject is one in which the nurses might well interest themselves more than they do, and they might very usefully bring the influence of their organisations to help to promote the prospects of the Bill. Anyhow in their experience they have seen enough of the seamy side of English girlhood to cause them to feel that they should take some interest in the efforts which are being made to try to protect those who are plunged into hell before they have developed sufficient ego consciousness to be able to exercise the faculty of choice. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will open the discussion by a reading from "Little Cuckoo Flower," a story which she has written on a very terrible theme. The Six Point Group have also kindly promised to send speakers and in this connection we might mention that first on the list of reforms which this organisation has set itself to achieve is satisfactory legislation on Child Assault. We shall be glad if the Members will interest their friends in the meeting and invite them to attend, as the Bill now before Parliament is meeting with very determined opposition, and the time is short for it to pass through the remaining stages and through the House of Lords. Tea will be served in the dining-room of the Club from 4 to 5 p.m.

**SALE OF WORK FOR THE SETTLEMENT HOME.**

It has been decided that the proceeds of the Sale of Work, which we are to have in the autumn, will be used to carry out certain improvements on our Settlement Home and to entirely re-decorate

the inside of the house. Extensive renovations were carried out on the outside of the premises last year.

The Committee are at present revising the regulations for admission to the Home and they hope to be able, at their first Meeting in the autumn, to consider applications for admission. The Home has been closed down while the repairs are in progress. It is now twenty years since it was founded, and there has rarely been an empty room so that it has been of the greatest value to numbers of sick and aged members. In order that it may continue to be so we ask our members to do all they can to interest their friends in the Sale of Work, which we are to have in November.

**CORRESPONDENCE.****THE ATMOSPHERE OF A HAPPY HOME.**

*To the Secretary, R.B.N.A.*

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—What a delightful tea party we had on Saturday, not only to the St. Dunstan's men but to all who had the privilege of being your helpers, and to me especially, for my twenty-first birthday was on St. Swithin's Day, and although that was many years ago, the 15th of July is still a birthday! And how delightful such a party was in every way. One blind man said to me he loved the nurses' tea parties they were so jolly and sociable.

To you, dear Miss Macdonald, we owe much gratitude for you have created that most desirable element, the atmosphere of a happy home life. Everyone who enters can catch the keynote; it is quite in tune and in evidence and so the workers can rest and go forth renewed with youth and happiness to look forward to their next visit to the R.B.N.A. Club. This is my first visit since my return from South Africa. I hope it may often be repeated.

Yours sincerely,

J. C. CHILD.

**THINGS WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.**

Whether Mr. Paterson suffered no ill effects after eating an egg cooked by his approved method?

Why Miss Macdonald received a summons to appear at the police court; also why frequent S.O.S. messages go to Miss Giffen to go to the Kensington Police Station?

The names of two unknown philanthropic ladies who hired a taxi and brought Bill and Jinny\* home, when they took an evening stroll together to Hyde Park Corner?

Whether Miss Macdonald made a compact with the fairies to keep the R.B.N.A. Club supplied with flowers?

Does cook realise how exactly her pineapple ice suits our digestion?

ISABEL MACDONALD,

*Secretary to the Corporation.*

\* Bill is the Club dog, "the last of a fine old English breed"; Jinny is a mongrel and enterprising kitten, who recently decided to come into residence at 194, Queen's Gate.

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