

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.

A few Members have come forward with a proposal to form a Dramatic Society in connection with the Association, and arrangements for this have gone on quite enthusiastically during the last few days. It has been decided to have two classes of Members—acting and non-acting—and the Annual Subscription, in both cases, will be 1s. only. We hope, therefore, that every Member of the Association will join in and give this new scheme her support. If it is successful it ought to be a very useful little Society indeed, and valuable when we wish to do something for one or other of the Benevolent Funds connected with the Association or those of some kindred body. But, apart from this, it will offer very fascinating work for those nurses who have a taste for acting, and will doubtless, too, give a good deal of amusement to their fellow-members.

There are many initial expenses connected with such a scheme, and the work of production is fairly costly in many directions, but already we have found several people who have promised to help in various ways. Mr. Horton, whose wonderful elocution so delighted the audience at the Zacharewitsche Concert, has most kindly promised to give an entertainment at the Club in the course of the next few weeks to help the nurses to get some funds in hand. Miss Anderson Parsons and Miss Trevena have generously offered to make the dresses, &c., and Mr. MacCallum has kindly said that he will see to getting the electric light arrangements in order for the stage which will be erected in the dining-room, where the shape of the room and the position of its doors offer facilities for making quite a nice little theatre.

On Saturday last some of us invaded "The Frills and Furbelows Sale" at 431, Oxford Street, W., at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick offered for sale her "past glories" for Thoroton Church Spire, with the result that we have now a splendid foundation for a dramatic wardrobe. In the evening there was an impromptu mannequin parade in the drawing-room for the benefit of a laughing group round the fire (and incidentally, as we learnt afterwards, for another round the windows of the opposite house), when it was agreed that it was incumbent upon the new Dramatic Society to produce at least one of the historical plays of Shakespeare, as the heavy brocaded silk and velvet gowns, with all their beautiful colourings, would be "just suitable for the Queens." Unfortunately these robes all demand some expansion in the region of the waist, but we have faith in the ingenuity of Miss Anderson Parsons and Miss Trevena.

ENGAGEMENT.

We have pleasure in announcing the engagement of Miss Norah Burke, daughter of the late Mr. Michael Burke, of Clogheen, Co. Tipperary, to Mr. Arthur Clarke, son of T. Clarke, Esq., M.D., of Bolingbroke Grove. The wedding will

take place in early autumn, and there will be a reception afterwards at the R.B.N.A. Club, where Miss Burke has many friends. It gives us peculiar pleasure to look forward to having her wedding here, as she was the first of our Members to come into residence when we took over 194, Queen's Gate, and she often laughingly tells how she "pitched her tent" in "Honeysuckle" before we had time to engage a single member of the domestic staff. We hear that she intends to take "Honeysuckle" by storm if we dare to have another Member installed there when she returns with her fiancé from a visit to her friends in the Emerald Isle just previous to her wedding.

Miss Burke did a considerable amount of war work subsequent to her training, and, after holding the post of Sister at the Brook Hospital for a time, she joined the Private Staff of the Association, on which she has worked with great success. We offer to Miss Burke and to her fiancé the very warm, good wishes of our Members for their happiness.

THE SETTLEMENT GARDEN.

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

DEAR MADAM,—Do you think you could persuade some of our nurses, coming up to town from the country, to bring up a few roots of ferns and flowers sometimes for our garden? It is looking so nice now and wonderfully gay with its lilac, purple iris, dainty lily of the valley, and a promise of roses before very long, but I want any amount of flowers for it, and ferns for the rockery. It will be so nice for the nurses in summer-time to have the deck-chairs in the garden and to sit among flowers and sunshine to gather happy memories for the winter days—"roses in December," as J. M. Barrie would say. It is a joy to have such a large garden in summer, and we must make the most of it.

If any nurses do bring up little roots for us and leave them at the Club I will come up for them at once on receiving a postcard from you to say that they are there.

I am, yours truly,

HANNAH SADLEIR,

Sister-in-Charge, Settlement Home.

20, Clapton Square.

DONATIONS.

We acknowledge with thanks the following donations:—

Club.—Miss Fowler, £1 1s.; Mrs. Perkins, 10s.; Miss Street, 3s.

Settlement Fund.—Mark Hovell, Esq., £5; Miss M. Coates, £2 16s.; Miss G. R. Watson, £2 6s.; Miss M. M. Smith, £2 2s.; Miss B. Plumtree, £1 10s.; Sir Anderson Critchett, £1 1s.; Miss H. E. Mason, £1 1s.; the Misses L. Ainsworth, H. Lamb, Swaby Smith, M. Turnbull, £1; Mr. Preston, £1.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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