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SONGS OF OTHER DAYS.

We are to have an unusual treat on *Wednesday, February 7th, at 3 p.m.*, when Mrs. Kennedy Fraser will give an address. Mrs. Kennedy Fraser is not only famous in musical circles, but throughout all English-speaking countries, for the devoted work which she has done in preserving and, indeed, in re-discovering a wealth of Celtic song and poetry. But for her energy many of the most delightful gems in our national poetry would have been lost for ever, and stories are told of incidents of her work in the Western Isles and her persevering research in recovering from the mists of time a music full of mysticism and pathos, and which is loved even by those who, as a general rule, care little about music. During February Mrs. Kennedy Fraser and Miss Margaret Kennedy are giving several recitals in London, when they are to sing Celtic songs to the Celtic harp, which Miss Patuffa Kennedy Fraser plays with such charm.

We do not know from what aspects Mrs. Kennedy Fraser will treat her subject, but that we shall enjoy a most delightful interlude in the ordinary round of affairs is very certain, and we may look forward to some lovely songs; for Mrs. Kennedy Fraser has told us that she will certainly require the piano, and a little bird has whispered that the Celtic harp is coming along to help it in the work of accompanying.

Another announcement which will give the R.B.N.A. Members great pleasure is that Sir Harold Boulton has very kindly promised to take the Chair on the 7th. We congratulate ourselves not only because he has been such a good friend to the R.B.N.A., but because he is perhaps the greatest living authority on the National music of Great Britain and Ireland, and is well known as the editor of such splendid collections as "The Songs of the North," "Songs of the Four Nations," &c. We may, therefore, look forward to a delightful and interesting afternoon, but, apart from this, we hope that Members will attend in large numbers and bring their friends to mark their appreciation of the kindness of those who are giving to us of their time, which must be valuable, and which can be ill-spared from professional and literary work.

There will be no charge for the lecture, but the usual one of one shilling for tea.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Members are reminded that a large number of Annual Subscriptions have not yet been forwarded. It will greatly simplify the work at the office if these can be sent at an early date.

THE STAFF DANCE.

The Domestic Staff at the Club had their annual dance on Wednesday, January 10th, and a large and happy company gathered at Queen's Gate. Miss Liddiatt very kindly came over early in the day to take over the work of organising, and great credit is due to her for, not only did she prove an excellent M.C. who kept the wheels of entertainment constantly in motion, but she was the life of the party. For delightful music we are indebted to Miss Violet Perkins, a Member of the Office Staff and an accomplished violinist, who came and brought other musical friends. Dancing was the chief entertainment with occasional songs. At the close Miss Liddiatt proposed the Health of the Domestic Staff of the Royal British Nurses' Club. One of the guests proposed the Health of Cook, Miss Cousins, who had prepared such delightful delicacies. After replying to this, she asked for three cheers for the Members of the Royal British Nurses' Club, and said that on behalf of all Members of the Domestic Staff she thanked them for the kindness and courtesy which made it a pleasure to work at 194, Queen's Gate. Miss Mitson, Head Parlour Maid, then asked for three cheers for Miss Liddiatt, which were heartily given, and then "Paddy, the Page," acting on his own initiative, made his maiden speech and asked for "everybody's thanks for the Gentlemen of St. Dunstan's for what they did for us." A number of the guests had come from St. Dunstan's, and one of them, in replying, expressed their thanks for a very happy evening; this closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" and the "National Anthem."

THE RAMBLERS' CLUB.

A few kindred spirits gathered in the entrance hall of the London Museum on the 17th inst. to explore among all its treasures, but they found the contents so fascinating that they had only gone over a portion of the building when closing time arrived. A long interval was spent among

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