

their gifts really does benefit those for whom it is intended, for there are no salaried officials, and no rent is charged to the Fund, so that the whole of the money goes directly to the people whom it was founded to benefit, with the exception of a very small proportion for printing, postage, and auditors' fees.

We shall be glad if the nurses will interest sympathetic friends in the beneficent work which the T.N.A.F. carries on so unostentatiously.

### THE RAMBLERS' CLUB.

As the Ramblers' Club will shortly commence its expeditions to various places of interest, we shall be very glad to have from members suggestions on the subject of its programme. Often there are groups of buildings in a particular locality which could come into the arrangements for one day, and we should be really grateful to those nurses who know their London if they would take the trouble to help us by drawing up programmes for those who like to wander round in search of all the beautiful and historical treasures in which London is so rich. We continually hear references made to our last "ramble," when we enjoyed a gay and Bohemian dinner at the Cheshire Cheese, then threaded our way to Dr. Johnson's house, and finished up with visits to several of the old London churches.

### WHAT I SAW.

A sense of humour is a valuable possession as you stroll through the streets of London, and, if you have a keen eye for the little incidents which are happening about you, you can get as much enjoyment out of a ride on the top of a 'bus or a stroll on the pavement as you will when huddled up on a comfortable couch with a newspaper or magazine. The other day I was standing by a shop door, when I noticed that a pony, yoked to a vegetable cart, had commenced to take a close interest in a certain can on a milkman's cart with which he had managed to get into close proximity. He touched it here and there with his nose, then proceeded to nibble first its edge and then the lid handle with his teeth; after a little perseverance he managed to lift the lid, and then came a great moment in his life. His nose disappeared into the depths of the cream-can, only to be withdrawn, dripping with thick yellow cream, when the frantic milkman arrived on the scene. A violent altercation took place between the two charioteers, while the sly grey pony went on complacently licking his lips, perfectly conscious that, for all the violent threats about the vengeance of a county court, he was safely outside the reach of the law. Let the poor humans squabble, that was a draught to remember, and he jerked his vegetables forward towards the can again, only to receive a slap on his slippery nose; cream was a wonderful protection against the barbarity of that unreasonable being a man, whose intelligence must be of a strange order not to understand the wisdom of "being on the spot" when opportunity arrives.

M. F.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

WARMEST THANKS.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MADAM,—Will you please allow me space to convey to my fellow members of the R.B.N.A. my warmest thanks for the plants which they have sent to me throughout the summer for the Settlement garden? We look upon these plants as beautiful thoughts from our fellow members and it is so cheering for the nurses to feel that, although they have had to give up after the long years of hard work, the young members of the R.B.N.A. still remember them and send those lovely things to beautify the Home.

I am so grateful, too, to those members who have promised to collect seeds from their gardens in the autumn and to send them to me. I will keep them very carefully to sow in the spring time.

I should like the R.B.N.A. members to feel that the Settlement is *their* Home for those members of the Association who can no longer work. We all took part in founding the Home and buying the house, and we all help a bit towards maintaining it, so that it belongs to us all. I am always so glad when members pay us a visit, as many do.

For the future I am going to arrange to be at home on the first Monday afternoon of every month after October, when possible, in order that I may receive those who care to call. If members intend to come on any other day I shall be glad if they will send me a post card beforehand so that I may be in.

With renewed thanks for all your kindness to the Home,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

H. C. SADLEIR,

Sister-in-Charge, R.B.N.A. Settlement Home.

[We are glad to learn that the Members have responded so heartily to Miss Sadleir's request for roots some months ago, and she certainly merits their sympathy and help in her efforts to make the Home and its garden as beautiful as she can. We hear many appreciative remarks of her kindness and courtesy to the nurses and of the spotless condition of the Home. We suggest that the working nurses should start a "Not Forgotten" League, the object of which would be to keep the Home and its garden supplied with plants.—I.M.]

### DONATIONS

#### CLUB ENDOWMENT FUND.

Mrs. Raikes, 10s.

#### SETTLEMENT FUND.

Miss Pritchard, £1 8s.; Miss Louisa Clarke, £1; Miss F. Warner, 7s.; in memory of Mrs. Brander, 10s.; Mrs. Allnut and Misses Appleton, Bendall, Barnes, Carruthers, Darrington, Dunn, Forest, Mercer, Marsland, and Wade, 5s.; Mrs. Fox and Miss Herley, 2s. 6d.; Misses Drought and Edward, 1s.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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