

"Riches," by Habberton Lulham. Then Miss Parsons transformed herself into an Irish colleen, dressed in a wonderful shawl lent by Mrs. Ball, and she gave us a series of Irish poems, so rich in the inimitable humour of the Emerald Isle and fragrant with the subtle feeling and quaint glimpses of human nature which flow through the simpler writings of the Celt. Miss Parsons finished her programme with two poems (given by request) from her favourite author, Dr. Rudyard Kipling—"Martha's Sons" and "L'Envoi." The former she described as "the best satire on class distinction ever penned." There was a request for some further pieces, but those responsible for the arrangements, realising the great strain put upon Miss Parsons in going through such a lengthy programme in a crowded room, decided that the entertainment must come to an end. We are delighted to announce, however, that Miss Parsons has promised us another recital early in the New Year, when she will confine her programme to the works of Dr. Rudyard Kipling. Miss Cattell, on behalf of those present, thanked Miss Parsons very warmly for her delightful entertainment, and then a merry crowd streamed downstairs to the dining-room for tea.

#### A GENEROUS AND MOST ACCEPTABLE GIFT.

Mrs. Campbell Thomson, Nurse Hon. Secretary, has presented the Club with a very large platform for entertainments. It will be made in separate sections, so that we shall be able to erect it either in the drawing-room or dining-room as may be required. This platform will prove of the greatest value to the Association, and will save us the very heavy cost which we have incurred, on certain occasions, for the hire of a suitable platform. The members are indeed most grateful to the Nurse Hon. Secretary for her exceedingly generous gift.

#### BURNT ASH DRAMATIC CLUB.

Through the kindness of Miss Alice Cattell we have been able to arrange for the Burnt Ash Dramatic Club to play "Eliza Comes to Stay," at the Club, on Saturday, December 8th, at 8 p.m. We have not yet received particulars as to the parts to be taken by the different people who form the Club, but we hear that the play is likely to be exceptionally well done, and we shall be most grateful to those members who will help us to make it known and who will assist in selling tickets. The proceeds are to go towards "The Princess Christian Memorial Fund."

#### MUSIC, HEALTH, AND CHARACTER.

The above is the title of a remarkable book by Agnes Savill, M.D., published by John Lane & Co., price 7s. 6d. The purpose of the book is an endeavour to help the unmusical to take an interest in music, and to show them that they can, if they wish, come to love it, as she herself did after almost disliking it for years. Dr. Savill tells of the value of music in illness, for she is convinced

of its healing power. She mentions in particular Chopin's Funeral March, which appears to have given her her first pleasurable emotion from listening to music. I should like to say a great deal about this wonderful book. I certainly advise everyone to read it; they can either buy it or get it from a library. I hope it will be a great success. The author has been known to me for some years. She has always been a bright, courageous soul through much tribulation, and is at all times sympathetic and kind to others.

I wish all success to a beautiful and unique book.

ALICE CATTELL.

#### A NEW ADVENTURE.

Recently we paid a visit to the show rooms of Miss Tubbs and Miss Hotine, otherwise Fleurise, and we strongly advise nurses to follow the same example if they have a taste for lovely lingerie and wish to purchase it at a very moderate cost. There are to be found at the show rooms of Fleurise the most beautiful and dainty embroideries in wonderful variety and, indeed, we have never seen more exquisite needlework. Fleurise supplied a part of the trousseau of the Crown Princess of Sweden, which speaks for the good taste and beauty of their work. Miss Tubbs is a member of the R.B.N.A., and did splendid work during the war. When she decided to give up nursing, and to strike out in some new direction, her love of pretty things stood her in good stead, for she and her partner evidently have the faculty for making business a success, and for procuring both enjoyment and interest from their new adventure, at 42, Dorset Street, Baker Street, W.1.

#### DONATIONS.

*General Purposes Fund.*—Miss E. Jarvis, 9s. 6d.; Miss M. A. Hart, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Welch, 6d.

*Settlement Fund.*—Miss S. E. Richmond, £2 14s.; Miss K. Glover, £1; Miss Starke, 19s. 6d.; Miss Evaline Pemberton, 11s.; Mrs. Hurst, 10s.; Miss Effie Reynolds, 10s.; Miss Margaret Macdonald, 9s.; Miss C. E. Goode, 6s.

*Helena Benevolent Fund.*—Miss Kathleen Glover, £1; Miss Cancellor, 5s. 6d.; Miss M. Bell, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Welch, 1s.

#### NOTICE.

Owing to the General Election Dr. Letitia Fairfield's Lecture will not take place.

#### DANCING.

A number of the members have made arrangements to have dancing lessons from Miss Vera Aubrey on Monday evenings at 8 p.m. Miss Aubrey is Principal of the School of Dancing at 54, Tavistock Square, and received her training at the famous Vernon Castle School of Dancing, Dover Street. As she is a trained nurse herself, Miss Aubrey has very kindly arranged to give lessons to the nurses at the very much reduced fee of 2s. 6d. per lesson of one hour and a-half. Nurses who wish to take advantage of this should be at the Club at 7.50 on Monday evenings.

ISABEL MACDONALD,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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