

selves of the kind invitation of Mrs. Perkins and enjoyed delightful home-made cakes in her sunny drawing room, and her tea was so good that we were nearly tempted into poetry ourselves as a result of its gentle stimulus. At Hyde Park Corner we dropped off the bus to see Miss Goslett Southcote's Exhibition of pictures at Grosvenor House; we were particularly interested in them owing to the fact that Miss Southcote is a trained nurse. The effects she is able to produce from the use of a few old flower petals are quite wonderful, and should she have such an Exhibition of paintings again, we strongly advise our readers to make a point of visiting it.

LECTURE.

"BONNIE PRINCE CHARLIE."

On Saturday, November 7th, Mr. John Douglas, F.S.A. (Scot.), gave a most interesting Lecture on that fascinating personality in Scottish history, Charles Edward Stuart, the Young Pretender, and the audience greatly enjoyed his fine collection of slides. There were delightful old prints, portraits of great characters in Highland history and many a lovely Scottish scene. Mr. Douglas in tracing the parentage of Bonnie Prince Charlie gave the impression that, from his mother, he inherited his daring and adventurous spirit, though no doubt he suffered considerably from the wrangling which occurred in his early childhood as to the lines which his education should follow. At the age of fourteen he proved a most gallant soldier, and was the very idol of his men; honours were showered upon the boy Prince for his part in the siege of Gaeta. He was a versatile musician, excelled in sport and was an excellent dancer. From childhood his great aim was to restore the kingdom of Great Britain to his father and, from his fourteenth year onward, he left no stone unturned in order to reach Scotland. In June, 1745, he landed at Eriskay with "the seven men of Moidart." A great golden eagle hovered over them as they disembarked, and this was taken by the Marquis of Tullibardine and others as a good omen, but, alas, the welcome of the king of birds did not make the Prince king of his father's domain. He raised his silken standard and the Highland chiefs flocked to it; soon he was in command of twelve hundred men and one woman, named Jennie Cameron, who has since been made the heroine of many tales of adventure and romance, though the truth seems to be that she merely came to take the place of a nephew of "doubtful intellect."

Mr. Douglas traced the career of the young Prince through the rebellion of 1745, and it was indeed a fascinating story. We were charmed by the description of the personality of the Prince, and with the account of his heroism and his consideration for friends and vanquished alike. Like the Highlanders, we felt it possible to forgive many of the faults so largely responsible for his unfortunate and colossal failure to re-establish in Great Britain the sovereignty of the Stuarts. Mr. Douglas gave us glimpses of great leaders, both of Jacobites and Royalists, and made us feel that the curtain of the past had indeed been raised, and that we had been brought into touch with the stirring events of the '45."

No Prince has ever been so much sung as Charles; Jacobite songs have done more than anything else to keep alive the memory of "the young Chevalier." They are full of the sentiments of pathos, tragedy and love, and are captivating to both singer and listener alike. Perhaps they have given to Prince Charlie an artificial reputation; it is sometimes difficult to understand the veneration which has lived through two centuries for one who, whatever might be the attractions of his youth, had few characteristics in middle life that can commend him to the admiration and love of the people. There are these two distinctive periods in the life of Prince Charlie: his early years were full of

promise and marked him as a splendid representative of the Stuart line. His courage and humanity then made him a hero, and if the faults of youth were such as to bring him into conflict with others, he certainly followed a path which a more cautious man would not have dared. But the end of his life was such as to make many of the Jacobites wish that he had fallen fighting the Royalists at Culloden. But still, somehow or other, Scottish sympathy goes out still to that Prince of Romance, Bonnie Prince Charlie.

MISS CARSON RAE AT HOME.

Miss Carson Rae will be at Home to friends and Members of the Association on Saturday, December 19th from 4 to 6 p.m. Members of the Association are asked to regard this announcement as an invitation to be present, and we all look forward very much to meeting Miss Carson Rae and enjoying her kind hospitality.

ELDERLY NURSES' NEEDLEWORK GUILD.

Miss Dale, Matron of the Primrose Lane Hospital, Huntingdon, instituted, a few years ago, a Guild of Work for Elderly Nurses, a very practical effort on her part to help those who are no longer strong enough to continue their ordinary professional duties. On Thursday, December 10th, we are lending the drawing room for an exhibition and sale of their work, and we trust that Members will come along to see whether they can find anything they can use for Christmas presents. Thus they will help to make more cheerful the Christmas season for some to whom it must of necessity be lonely because their hands and feet are no longer busy and active in making Christmas cheerful for others. Therefore come along if you have not yet laid in all your store for Santa Claus. If you come and find you cannot get what you want, at least you will have shown goodwill to our effort. Orders may also be given for work.

OBITUARY.

It is with deep and sincere sorrow that we have received the news of the death of Dr. Edward Domville, O.B.E. All nurses who have taken an interest in the organisation of the profession must realise that they have lost a very true friend. For many years, as a representative of the British Medical Association on the Central Committee of the State Registration of Nurses, Dr. Domville did yeoman service for the Registration movement. His clear brain, well balanced mind, his tolerance and staunch adherence to the fundamental principles of the movement were of infinite value in the deliberation of the Central Committee, and all those who, from time to time, have shared in these deliberations will remember with gratitude how well he served the interests of the nurses and helped them in no small measure in the long struggle which culminated in the passage of the Nurses' Registration Acts. Members of the Association will feel specially grieved for Dr. Domville was a member of the Council and took a warm interest in its welfare.

REPLY TO ENQUIRIES.

In reply to a number of enquiries as to whether subscriptions should be sent towards the wreath which was sent in memory of Queen Alexandra from the R.B.N.A., we have to state that we shall be glad to receive such contributions. Only very small subscriptions should be sent and any money which remains over from the cost of the wreath, will be used for Benevolent work.

DANCE.

The dance arranged for November 21st was not held owing to the death of the Queen Mother.

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