

the inflammation spreading to the important ganglia which lie higher up in the trunk.

The lecturer said that since the war, for some reason or other, he had found that far less attention was given to the matter of seeing that a patient was warmly clothed; frequently he found that a patient was placed on the table with far too little on and he was convinced that a large percentage of deaths after operation were due to bronchitis, which might have been averted. A patient about to be placed on the operating table should have warm knitted stockings reaching to the top of the thigh and a thick loose woollen jersey; guard against over exposure, even of the part to be operated on, by seeing that the operating room or theatre is well warmed.

The importance of seeing that the bladder is emptied before an abdominal operation cannot be exaggerated. Do not be content with an assurance from the patient that it has been, but, particularly in the case of a child, examine the abdomen and see that the bladder is not stretching up into it through not having been completely emptied. If there is doubt pass the catheter.

There are two different schools of treatment (the active and the passive) in connection with the after care of abdominal operations, and in many points they are similar while in others they differ widely. Both approve of the sitting posture, saline injections, huge hot fomentations round the abdomen. In the active treatment barley water is given in fairly large quantities, to flush the kidneys, and a grain of calomel and one dr. of Mag. Sulph. with occasional enemas. In the case of the treatment of the passive school rest is given to the inflamed part by means of a drug, morphia for instance, but in the opinion of the lecturer the patient is better without this unless it is required to induce sleep. In the discussion, after the lecture, the question arose as to the ability of certain patients to retain the water injected into the bowel. Mr. Carson said that very much depends upon the temperature of the water. Some patients retain it best at a temperature of 110° or more, and others can only retain it if given at about 98.4° F. The point is to find out what temperature suits in each case, and then to give the injections at that heat.

#### CLUB FIXTURES.

Members who have their JOURNAL on February 28th will be reminded of the Lecture which is to be given on that evening at 8 p.m. by Mr. Eeles, one of the greatest living authorities on Church architecture. This will be a real artistic treat, as some wonderful lantern slides are to be shown, and we are looking forward to gaining a fund of information on a very fascinating subject.

Her Highness the Princess Marie Louise has graciously consented to be present at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. 7, on Tuesday, March 10th at 8 p.m., when the Royal British Nurses' Association will present "Isabel, Edward and Anne," by Gertrude E. Jennings. We hope that readers of the JOURNAL will help us to dispose of tickets for the performance. We ask those who are likely to attend to apply for their tickets at the earliest date possible, as a good deal of consideration has to be given to the arrangement of seats; they can be obtained at the Offices of the Association, and the charges for them will be 8s., 5s. 9d., and 3s. 6d. (inclusive of tax). The following is the cast for the play in the order in which the characters appear:—

Alice (a maid)	.. .. .	Miss Elaine Barnard.
Isabel Carew	.. .. .	Miss Isabel Macdonald.
The Hon. Edward Carew	.. .. .	Mr. W. Alex. Rogerson.
Anne (their daughter)	.. .. .	Miss Mamie Leith.
Stephen Audley	.. .. .	Mr. Derek Williams.
Mrs. Bucket	.. .. .	Miss Sarah Hebson.
Lady Massingham	.. .. .	Miss Violet Rice.
Matthews (a butler)	.. .. .	Mr. W. A. Somers.

The play is produced by Mr. Douglas Phair.  
Stage Manager, Mr. Cyril Pearson.

For Saturday, March 14th, at 3 p.m., Sir Harold Boulton has promised us a most delightful musical treat, when Miss Jane Croft and Mr. Ernest Groom are to sing a number of the lovely old National Songs. Sir Harold Boulton is well known as the editor of such famous volumes as "Songs of the North," "Songs of the Four Nations," &c., and we look forward with great pleasure indeed to the Concert which he has so very kindly arranged. Many of us remember, as one of the most delightful events in the history of our Club, the rendering of a number of these charming songs, by Mrs. Kennedy Fraser and Miss Margaret Kennedy, soon after we came to Queen's Gate, and we expect to be moved right into the atmosphere of the Highlands again when we gather on the 14th to enjoy a somewhat similar treat.

We have our usual monthly Dance on Saturday, March 21st, at 8 p.m., and hope that many of those who like dancing will be able to be present. The tickets are 2s. 6d. each inclusive of refreshments.

On Friday, March 27th, at 8 p.m., we are to have a performance of "Mr. Pim Passes By," in aid of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund.

#### WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday, February 24th, Miss Ellen Collins was married to Mr. John Anderson at St. Michael's Church, Manchester. Miss Collins is a Member of the Council and the Executive Committee of the Royal British Nurses' Association. She has been a Member of the Club almost from the time it opened and is exceedingly popular among her colleagues at Queen's Gate. On the evening before she left, the Members there in residence presented her with a case of beautiful silver spoons with all the Association's good wishes. We are glad to know that Miss Collins intends to continue her membership of the Royal British Nurses' Association and to retain her seat on its Council and Committee.

#### GENERAL COUNCIL.

Members are reminded that the nominations will shortly be arranged by the Executive Committee for the election of Members to fill vacancies on the General Council. We shall be glad to receive from Members nominations for the election.

#### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION.

An exceedingly large proportion of Membership Subscriptions are still unpaid, and we shall be glad if Members will forward these as soon as possible. The annual subscription to the R.B.N.A. is a very small one compared with that for other women's organisations, and failure by the Members to meet their liability handicaps very much the work of those responsible for administration while continual reminders become costly.

#### DONATIONS.

*General Purposes Fund.*—Miss Annie Jordan, £1 10s.; Mrs. Northwood, 15s.; Mrs. E. P. G. Bell, Misses Mona Ker and Sadleir, 10s.; Miss Terry, 8s.; Mrs. Maxwell St. John, Misses Cheetham, Chippendale, Clifford, Darrington and Wooler, 5s.; Miss Wiskin, 2s. 6d.

*Helena Benevolent Fund.*—Miss Lancaster, £5 5s.; Miss Alys Barry, 10s. 6d.; Misses Fisher and Royds, 10s.; Mrs. Maxwell St. John, Misses Burleigh, Chippendale, Clifford, Cox-Sinclair, C. Maude Eve, J.P., S. Munro, Mullett, Sadleir, Todd, 5s.; Miss Wethered, 4s.; Misses Bellamy, Bousfield, Stephenson and Wilson, 2s. 6d.; Mrs. Lane, Misses Allnutt, Groom and Ford, 2s.; Misses Bath, Goodman and Sulivan, 1s. 6d.; Misses Bennetts, Maclean, Rae and Winter, 1s.

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