

the corners connected with Shakespeare and Dickens, and look forward to a very enjoyable afternoon.

In conclusion we would ask the Members to cut out and keep the announcements on page thirty-four of this Supplement or to enter these in their diaries. There is an amount of work involved in getting up and organising such fixtures as these, and we shall be encouraged if they are well attended. Also we shall be glad to hear from Members who will be prepared to read short papers or to lecture on such subjects as Medical and Surgical Nursing, Health, Welfare Work, Psychology, &c.

#### WHERE THE RAINBOW ENDS.

Members of the Association very greatly enjoyed "Where the Rainbow Ends" on Saturday, January 16th, when the Management of the Holborn Empire Theatre very kindly invited them to be present "at a performance by the understudies." The dancing of the children was a special joy and the whole entertainment was very fine. This particular performance was produced by Mr. Douglas Phaire.

#### WEDDINGS.

Recently, Miss Alice A. Proudfoot, M.R.B.N.A., was married to Mr. Charles Guess, of 69, Manor Road, Thornton Heath. Miss Proudfoot has been a member of the R.B.N.A. since 1903 and has always taken a keen interest in all its work. Mr. Guess, who rejoined the Army at the beginning of the war, was given a commission in his old regiment—the Royal West Kent—and he also had three sons serving in the army as non-commissioned officers, all of whom fell fighting gallantly for their country.

Mr. and Mrs. Guess spent a very delightful honeymoon at Loch Lomond. We wish them both a very great deal of happiness.

On Wednesday, December 30th, Miss Muriel Murdoch, M.R.B.N.A., was married to Lawson Gibson, Esq., of Mombasa. The honeymoon was spent in Paris. We offer to them our good wishes.

#### OBITUARY.

It is with deep regret that we have received intimation of the death of Miss Eliza Hatton, a very old Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

#### DONATIONS.

The Hon. Treasurer acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—

*General Purposes Fund.*—Miss I. G. Stuart, £2 7s. 6d.; Miss Helen Lamb, £1 19s. 6d.; Miss A. Jordan, £1 15s. 6d.; Misses E. E. Jarvis, Blanche Trew, E. Waind and Mrs. Watson, 10s.; Miss J. Macleod Orr, 8s.; Miss E. M. Pemberton, 6s. 6d.; Miss Bagley, Mrs. A. Clements, and Mrs. Moffatt Shaw, 5s.; Miss A. Giffen, Miss E. Whitmore, 2s. 6d.; Miss Lord, 1s. 6d.; Miss A. L. King, 1s.

*House Beautiful Fund.*—Miss Macdonald, £10 3s.; Mrs. Northwood, £3; Matrons' Association, £2 10s.; Miss I. G. Stuart, £2 7s.; Anon., £2; Miss Giffen, £1 18s.; Miss I. Macdonald, £1 11s.; Miss A. Jordan, £1 15s.; Miss Villiers, £1 1s.; Miss Briggs, Miss Fisher, Miss E. E. Fowler, Miss E. E. Jarvis, Miss Shepherd, 10s.; Miss McLagan, 10s. 6d.; Miss Gilchrist, Miss Liddiatt, Miss Morrissey, Miss Siddons, 5s.; Mrs. Harrison, 3s.; Miss Coates, 2s. 6d.

*Helena Benevolent Fund.*—Anon., £3; Miss P. G. Watt, £1 1s.; Mrs. Douglas, Miss H. Lamb, Miss S. E. Richmond, Miss K. Glover, £1; Miss Allbutt, Miss Biglands, 5s.; Miss McDiarmid, 4s.; Mrs. Bates, 3s.; Miss Macleod Orr, 3s.; Misses Boast, E. Bryan, H. A. Coombes, M. Cunning-

ham, E. Dawson, A. M. Hore, E. Lemon, E. B. Lugar, M. H. Rosher, E. J. Sims, E. Brook-Smith, H. P. Sturgis, and Mrs. J. Welch, 1s.

#### A RED LETTER DAY AT THE OFFICE.

There were many warm congratulations awaiting Miss Violet Perkins when she reached the office one morning recently; just before her arrival, we heard that she had passed, with distinction, the Senior Book-keeping Examination of the London Chamber of Commerce. Miss V. Perkins, who, until this year, was the youngest member of the office staff, gave us a fine surprise indeed, for she never told us that she meditated sitting for the examination, not even that she was attending evening classes and working strenuously when the office day was done. Her success is all the more to her credit, too, from the fact that, so far as our own office is concerned, she has done the book-keeping only during the short intervals when her sister has been on holiday. We hear that she was the only woman in the large Examination Hall, and we are, therefore, all the more gratified that the words "with distinction" were added to the Examiners' report.

Those responsible for the work at Headquarters have learnt to appreciate Miss Violet Perkins' capabilities in other branches of secretarial work, and not only in this direction, but in others as well, she has done valuable work for the R.B.N.A. Owing to the illness of the Assistant Secretary and other causes the past year has been a particularly difficult and heavy one. In the many vicissitudes, that the various activities of the Association usher in during the course of a day or a week, it has been no small asset to have a young head and hands that could turn their activity from the typing machine to the housekeeping lists or laundry returns, to the flowers or the preparations for some large reception, and which, no matter what the rush and hurry of the work in hand, could always be relied upon to render quick, efficient and courteous attention to the telephone's eternal demands.

But Miss Perkins' accomplishments are by no means confined to the mundane affairs of the round of an office day. She is a bit of an artist, a clever needlewoman and a violinist of considerable talent; in fact it has been told us by a little bird that she holds certificates of "distinction" in music as well as in book-keeping. Energy, enthusiasm, a clever brain and the key that opens so many doors into the heart of life—versatility—these we predict will carry her ship far. But, however that may be, Members of the R.B.N.A., who are in the habit of coming into the office, have shown that they feel a really personal pleasure and gratification in the professional success which she has won.

#### CLUB FIXTURES.

Will the Members and other readers of the JOURNAL kindly refer to Page i of the Advertisement Supplement for the list of fixtures for February? We trust that they will attend when they can, and that they will also do their best to make these announcements known among their friends.

#### NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

There are a large number of annual subscriptions to the Royal British Nurses' Association still unpaid for the current year. We remind our Members that, in accordance with Bye-law VIII, all subscriptions fall due on January 1st. The fact that so many personal reminders have to be sent out adds very considerably to our expenses for postage, and the Secretary will be grateful if Annual Members will kindly send up the 5s. due from each one at an early date.

ISABEL MACDONALD, S.R.N.,

Secretary to the Corporation.

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