

St. John; their eight-pointed cross appears on the Canon-gate Roadway in front of St. John's Church. There, in the Lodge of St. John, Scott met his literary friends and in this street also Burns was made Poet Laureate in 1787. A copy of a lovely picture, painted by a famous artist, showed him being installed as a Mason.

A slide which was welcomed with rounds of applause was the old-fashioned house, whitewashed and with tiled roof, where Sir James Simpson carried through his earliest experiments with chloroform in obstetric cases. This old Lying-in Hospital is now a kindergarten school, but it was really fascinating to look at the quaint, unostentatious birthplace of a great beneficent and scientific discovery. It is to be hoped that Edinburgh will see that it does not go the way of other old houses.

Several beautiful slides were shown of the Scottish War Memorial, said to be the finest in the world.

It is impossible in the space at our disposal to enumerate all the slides in this very beautiful series. Certain effects of light and shade were very striking, and some slides were made from very fine old chalk drawings, narrow wynds and closes were put on the screen where neighbours hung out and "exchanged civilities" and where, in one case, a thief had been known to make his escape by stepping across from a window on one side to one on the opposite side. Altogether the pictures presented a well of treasure, in the matter of history, that lies in the one short mile between Holyrood and the Castle Rock. The series closed with a lovely coloured slide of Mary, Queen of Scots.

In thanking Miss Holmes, Miss Le Geyt said that she had been thrilled by the lecture for she loved Edinburgh and to-night she had been given so many new points of interest that she would not rest content until she had spent another holiday there. The lecture had proved an excellent "following on" to that on Queen Margaret at the British College of Nurses the week before, for now we had actually seen the pictures of the Castle on the Rock and the town where St. Margaret must have spent much of her time. Then too there were the pictures relating to the Knights of St. John; she (Miss Le Geyt) had gone to many parts of Europe and found such wide flung connections with them; now she had discovered such connections in Edinburgh. It was surprising to find how widespread were the activities of these Nursing Knights. The house of the discoverer of chloroform was indeed a prize as a slide for an audience of nurses. Miss Le Geyt felt that she was voicing the wishes of everyone present by thanking Miss Holmes very heartily for a most interesting and enjoyable evening. This was carried with acclamation. On the suggestion of Miss Holmes, the entertainment terminated in the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

#### CLUB FIXTURES.

On Thursday, November 3rd, the Ramblers' Club proposes to visit the Exhibition of Wren relics at St. Paul's Cathedral; those who intend to join the expedition should meet in front of St. Paul's at 2.30 p.m. on that day. On Thursday, November 10th, Dr. Starke Currie has kindly promised to give us a lecture on "Dr. Knox, the Martyr." Dr. Knox was the great anatomist in Edinburgh, one of the most famous teachers of his time, and in his anxiety to secure bodies for dissections he was apparently not too punctilious in enquiring as to how the vendors of those had originally procured them; Dr. Knox thereby became implicated in the scandal arising on the notorious activities of the so-called "resurrectionists"—Burke and Hare. Dr. Currie, in his lecture, gives a defence of Knox, and shows how his professional career was ruined by the suspicion in which he was held for a time. The lecture is an interesting glimpse into one of the greatest criminal trials in the world. On Thursday, November 17th, at

3 p.m., Major Rigg, O.B.E., F.S.A., is to give us a lecture on Sir Christopher Wren; this is Wren's centenary year and we shall learn from Major Rigg much that is exceedingly interesting about this wonderful man who built St. Paul's and many of our most beautiful City churches. On Wednesday, November 24th, we hope to have a whist drive, commencing at 8 p.m. December 7th is the birthday of the Association, when we are to have the usual "tea party," and we propose having the Annual Sale of Work on the same date. On Wednesday, December 14th, Dr. Fenton, Medical Officer of Health for the Royal Borough of Kensington, has promised to lecture, but we have not yet heard what subject he will take.

#### SALE OF WORK.

We have arranged that the Annual Sale of Work for the House Beautiful Fund will take place on December 7th, which is the same day as that on which we have the "birthday party" to commemorate the foundation of the Association. The sale will open at 2.30 p.m., and we hope that the Members will be so kind as to send us their usual generous gifts for it, which this year will take the form of birthday gifts to the Royal British Nurses' Association. The object of the sale is to help in maintaining the beauty of the Headquarters and Club at 194, Queen's Gate; it is of great help in this direction, for the ordinary repairs which are called for each year, in a house such as this, reach a very large sum and there are many decorations and other things which we might not be able to enjoy in our surroundings but for the help given by this effort.

The birthday tea will take place in the drawing-room at 4.0 p.m., when we are again to have a fine birthday cake, on which the candles are, alas, growing year by year more numerous; while, sadly enough, we note the absence of many faces familiar at the earlier "birthday parties." The older Members made a great point of attending them, and we hope that those who "follow on" will make a point of continuing the custom, for it is very important to remember anniversaries and to acknowledge their importance.

#### TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

We remind subscribers to this Fund that the financial year closes on December 31st. It is very important that subscriptions be forwarded prior to that date because the Royal British Nurses' Association lends its expert office staff for the work of this Fund and December is invariably a very heavy month as regards correspondence and book-keeping; we shall be most grateful therefore if the ordinary subscriptions are sent in as soon as possible to avoid over-pressure during the last days of the year.

So far the Fund has had a wonderfully successful year considering what the economic conditions are at the present time. The Alice Cattell Memorial Annuity was completed during the year, a matter which has given great satisfaction to many of the friends of the late Miss Cattell. At the present time we have over seventy sick and aged nurses on our list of annuitants and it is to be remembered that these annuities pass on to others when the present recipients no longer require them. Alas, however, it takes very much more capital to found an annuity nowadays than it did a few years ago.

We thank all those who have so generously subscribed to the Fund, and we can assure them that the help, so generously given, calls forth warm gratitude from those who receive such help. Often someone tells us that she "could not have lived without her annuity."

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