

We shall be most grateful to those Members who will help us to make our Christmas plans successful by buying some of those calendars to use as Christmas gifts and by telling others of them. We are giving notice of it thus early in the hope that orders may come in early to avoid an excessive burden of work being laid upon the office just immediately before Christmas. The price of the Calendar is 1s. 6d.

#### GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught, haunch of venison.

Mrs. Temple, Mrs. Wells, Misses Bramwell, Clarke, Treasure, flowers; Mrs. Wells, Miss Robertson, Miss Sargent, fruit; Miss Downie, chutney; Miss Taylor, coffee; Miss Walker, firescreen.

#### FIXTURES.

On Thursday, November 15th, at 8 p.m., Miss Holmes has promised to show a series of lantern views on her recent visit to Spain; and on November 20th, at 5 p.m., Dr. Burnett Rae will lecture on "The Influence of the Personality on Health." We remind our Members of the Birthday Party to be held on December 7th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., and the Sale of Work for the House Beautiful Fund takes place on the same day.

#### APPOINTMENT.

MISS ISOBEL MARGARET HUTTON, B.A., S.R.N.

Miss Isobel Margaret Hutton has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Corporation. She holds the Degree of Bachelor of Arts (Hons. Eng.) of the University of London, and, after taking this, she entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital and gained the certificate of this great School of Nursing. In May last, on completing her training, she came to fill a temporary position in the office of the Association and, at a recent meeting, the Committee decided to consider her appointment as Assistant Secretary, conditionally upon her taking a course in typewriting and shorthand. At the Meeting of the Committee on October 19th, Miss Hutton was appointed Assistant Secretary. In addition to her professional qualifications for such a post, Miss Hutton's attitude to the Members has been characterised by great courtesy, and she has shown evidence of marked ability for administrative work.

#### GATHERINGS DURING OCTOBER.

Miss Macdonald was "At home" to Members and friends on October 11th, and on October 18th we had a most interesting lecture by Major Rigg on the Story of the Voluntary Hospitals, of which we hope to give a short report next month. On October 27th a dance was given by about 40 Members of the Association. This proved, as usual, a very gay function, and we are indebted to Mrs. John Temple not only for a very generous donation of £5 towards the expenses of the dance, but also for the beautiful flowers given for the decoration of the drawing-room and supper tables.

#### THE GIFT OF A DAUGHTER.

It was with much pleasure that we learnt, on October 18th, of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Rees. Mrs. Rees was formerly Miss Margaret Lamont, and her wedding to Mr. Rees took place at the Club some years ago; they have been familiar figures at our social gatherings ever since. Mrs. Rees has always maintained her interest in the Association and her friendship with so many of its Members. The little daughter is to receive the name of Margaret Gaynor, and Mr. Rees has promised that her first visit will be one to Queen's Gate.

#### OBITUARY.

CECILIA LIDDIATT, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

It has been with deep sorrow that Members far and near have heard of the death, on October 15th, of Miss Cecilia

Liddiatt, who was among our most active Members for a quarter of a century. She has not been in good health for some time but, in spite of the fact that her friends had noted signs that gave rise to anxiety, she would never allow that there was need for this. Just the day before she became acutely ill she "was feeling better than she had done for years," but next day she complained of a cold which, before 24 hours had passed, developed into pneumonia. She died next day.

By her cheerful gaiety and love of humour Miss Liddiatt had endeared herself to large numbers of nurses; she was essentially the comrade of the rank and file and was a prominent figure at most social gatherings. Especially was she interested in the long delightful summer rambles by charabanc to beautiful and historic places outside London; indeed she really inaugurated these and was known among the Members as "the Chief Rambler." A stalwart, smiling leader was she as she would marshal between 30 and 40 gay ramblers into her chariot when she arrived with it in triumph at Queen's Gate. We shall indeed feel that there is forever a vacant place when next, with laughter and anticipation, the luncheon baskets are being packed into the car and greetings are offered as one and another foregathers for that "primrose ramble" next Spring for which she had already made her plans.

But it was not only in the social aspects of the life of the Association that Miss Liddiatt played her part. In the days when we were working for the Registration Acts her tall figure was one of the most prominent in the lobby of the House of Commons. She spared neither money nor effort to promote the progress of the Bill; whoever might or might not help on some special occasion, Miss Liddiatt was always to be relied upon then. Over and over again she has been returned as a representative of the Sisters and Nurses on our Council and Executive Committee and she never missed a meeting when in town.

In acts of kindness to the sick and unfortunate, few were more generous or more gentle in their giving. Recently she spent long days by the bed of a colleague who died of malignant disease, another owes her admission to the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney almost entirely to the untiring efforts of Miss Liddiatt to secure her votes. One act of kindness is characteristic. She chanced to see a letter from a very old and ailing Member in far away Syria who also has a great love for and interest in the Association. Miss Liddiatt immediately conceived the idea of sending her each issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, a kindness which appears to have been appreciated exceedingly.

A memorial service was held for Miss Liddiatt at the Rosary Chapel, Marylebone Road, on October 18th. The Association was represented by the Secretary and a large number of Members. The British College of Nurses was represented by Miss Breay and Miss Bryson, while the Catholic Nurses' Guild, of which Miss Liddiatt was a prominent member, was represented by Miss Winstanley, the President. Beautiful wreaths were received from those organisations.

We have received communications both from unknown patients and nurses enquiring whether there is to be a memorial to Miss Liddiatt. We would suggest that some of the nurses get together and discuss the proposition. We shall be glad to hear from those who are interested so that we may arrange a little meeting at some early date.

SUSAN E. PARSONS.

It is with deep regret that we have to report the death of Miss Susan E. Parsons, at one time a very enthusiastic Member of the Association, which she joined in 1889. She was trained at the Royal Free Hospital.

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