

## OBITUARY.

## MRS. JOHN TEMPLE.

It was with a sense of great sorrow and loss that all in residence at Headquarters on May 2nd, received the news of the passing of Mrs. John Temple very suddenly the evening before. So many remembered with pleasure her frequent visits to the Club, how she would fill it with flowers and, by the drawing-room fire of an evening, would be the life of the party with her happy talk, while the delicious sweets she had brought in would be passed round the circle. She was at all times unfeignedly pleased to come back among her colleagues, so that her chosen headquarters in London was the Club. So many have spoken of the kindliness of her friendship and of her gentle dignity; she found many ways of spreading happiness around her.

The matter of taking over the large house at Queen's Gate was a problem that proved to be not without its anxieties, and when later on the leasehold of the property came into the market and the Members determined to buy this, the Fairy Godmother, as we called her, came forward generously to help us with this adventure, too. Her policy with regard to the Association was that she would help it while her friends were administering its affairs rather than leave money to those of a later time, who might attempt less adventurous problems with probably greater financial security. However that may be, those responsible then for the management of the Association's finance will remember her generosity with gratitude just as the individual Members do her kindness on many a festive occasion. There have been some who have wished to forget that they have been nurses when they have married and left the profession. Not so, Mrs. Temple. It was her greatest pride of all that she was a member of it. She took an interest in many movements in the city of Liverpool, where she resided. She was Vice-President of the Aigburth People's Hall, founded by her husband, the late John Temple, C.B., to whose memory she gave the fine clergy stalls in Liverpool Cathedral and a stained glass window in St. Anne's Church. She also gave the decorative panelling round the chancel there with its escutcheons of ancient design and, on one, the arms of her late husband.

Mrs. Temple was Vice-president of the Aigburth Social Guild, a member of the Parochial Church Council and a Life Member of the Liverpool Merchant Guild. She was interested in many schemes for the welfare of children;

she was the only Woman Governor of the Church Schools, a Manager of the Sudley Road Council Schools and Vice-president of the Stewart-Jones Children's Evening Homes, to which children are taken off the streets and given free meals and are taught useful occupations.

Many times when we have sought to relieve the pressing anxieties of some aged or sick nurse who was not a Member of the Association and could not benefit from the Benevolent Fund, we have gone to Mrs. Temple, and never in vain, for she always had great sympathy with those who were ill or who felt the burdens of age. But she enjoyed interests of her own as well, as she was an expert needlewoman and a great reader. She loved travel, particularly in the

Highlands, and almost the last letter we had from her was one to rouse the Scottish Members at the Club to approach Members of Parliament and ask them to help save the beautiful lochs, in the Great Glen of Inverness-shire, from draining and despoliation to benefit a private enterprise. No one more than she rejoiced in the defeat of the measure. Her house was a treasure house of fine paintings, antique furniture and china, but her chief hobby in this direction lay in collecting old glass.

Such was our "Fairy Godmother," and though never again shall we welcome her to the House Beautiful, none the less do we treasure as great possessions indeed the memories of her sweetness and her thought for everyone when she came among us, and feel that the Members' "Home from Home" is the more lovely to us because she has sojourned there.

## LECTURE.

On Friday, May 27th, at 3 p.m., Major Rigg will give us a lecture on the Order of the Knights Templar. It was felt that this would probably prove the more interesting coming as it will

after our study of that other old Order of Chivalry—the Knights of St. John—who inherited much of the wealth and property of the Templars when the latter came into conflict with the Pope and Philip of France. Major Rigg is always assured of a large audience when he comes to lecture at the Club.

## GIFTS TO THE CLUB.

Miss Preston—carved bust and water-colours; Miss Roberts—10 beautiful cushions of Italian quilting for the drawing-room; Miss Barclay—plants, flowers, sweets and picture frames; Mrs. Crassweller—flowers and sweets.

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