

Street, was very interesting. The chair was taken by Dr. GAGE-BROWN, C.M.G., and there was a large attendance of Members. A resolution of sympathy with H.R.H. the President under the circumstances of the recent sad accident to PRINCE CHRISTIAN was unanimously passed. The Committee made various reports, which were adopted without comment. New Regulations were proposed by Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK, with regard to the election of the General Council. They practically give every Member of the Association a direct interest and voice in the government of the Association, by providing for the election of the General Council being conducted by balloting-papers, which are to be sent to every Member. The subject was keenly discussed, and various suggested amendments proposed, but finally the Regulations as originally proposed were unanimously passed. Still more discussion took place on a proposal that the "Special Service Clasp"—which the Council, in July last, determined should, in suitable cases, be added to the Badge—should not be awarded. The general feeling of the meeting was in favour of this proposition, but its discussion was finally adjourned to the next Meeting of the Council.

I WAS once asked by an eminent Surgeon what could possibly prompt the members of the R.B.N.A. (women engaged in work for the nation's benefit) to institute the gold medal of the Association, and to desire such a bauble; and I answered—the same human weakness which prompts our men of science, our Poets Laureate, and our great Generals to desire a seat in the House of Lords—the craving for the sympathetic recognition of their fellow-men—that their work has been good.

THE elevation of Sir WILLIAM THOMSON to the peerage has given lively satisfaction in scientific circles. The general opinion is that the honour is richly deserved and well bestowed. As in the case of Lord TENNYSON, it is something of a new departure. Men of science have been created baronets before, but rarely, if ever, peers. MICHAEL FARADAY held the opinion that a great man of science could not be honoured by a title any more than a great poet, and that it confounded a rarity with a fairly numerous class; but, on the other hand, the title does not make its recipient less of a poet or an investigator, and it is surely better to have men of intellect in the peerage than men

of money. The new peer has no family, and the title will, therefore, become extinct.

THE National Health Society requires a certain number of ladies as country lecturers amongst the poor, on Hygiene, Nursing and Cookery. They must be educated gentlewomen over 25 years of age, and must have undergone a thorough Nursing training at a hospital or infirmary, a course on Artisan Cookery, and the Society's course of instruction for teachers at Berners Street (in Sanitation, Hygiene, Elementary Anatomy and Physiology, Home Nursing, and First Aid). They will also be required to pass the Society's examinations (theoretical and practical). Suitable candidates will be selected in rotation for country lectureships, at salaries from three to five guineas a week. Application should be made to the Secretary, at the offices of the Society, 53, Berners Street, W.

THE National Health Society aims at a very high standard of efficiency in the ladies it selects as lecturers, as the salary is usually high. I hear that many of the "leading lights" of the R.B.N.A. have been selected, and are doing excellent work in the provinces, amongst them Miss CATHERINE WOOD, Miss ANNESLEY KENEALY, Miss M. BEACHCROFT, and Miss SARA JACOBS.

MRS. PRIESTLEY has consented to represent "Hygiene" on the Ladies' Committee appointed by the Royal Commission in connection with the Chicago Exhibition. The MARCHIONESS OF SALISBURY, DUCHESS OF ABERCORN, COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN, LADY JEUNE, Mrs. FAWCETT, and other representative women have also consented to act.

MR. H. C. BURDETT is still waging his wordy warfare with *The Pall Mall Gazette*, "and methinks the gentleman doth protest too much." Mr. BURDETT must not forget that this time his opponent is a man, and the editor of a paper which has 100,000 readers per diem—and is not a poor defenceless Nurse, to be abused and defamed in his mendacious and scurrilous little organ without any means of defence. Mr. BURDETT hotly resents the accusation of the *Pall Mall* that in his zeal to champion officialdom, he has on many occasions vilified and tried to intimidate Nurses who have had the courage to expose abuses in the Institutions in which they have worked and suffered. Mr. BURDETT attempts to controvert the accusation by trashy quotations from his paper, *The Hospital*, but I notice he omits to reprint the cowardly attacks upon the ladies who gave evidence before the Select Com-

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