

paper showing the need there is for a better class of paid attendants in the aged and infirm wards. The following resolution was passed, viz.: "It is desirable to form an association for providing trained attendants for the aged and infirm inmates of workhouses, as distinct from trained Nurses of sick wards." A committee was formed, with power to add to their number. Before the meeting separated, Lady MEATH promised to pay for the training of the first six attendants.

THE Council of the Medical Practitioners' Association propose to hold a series of meetings during the winter months, to discuss matters of special importance to members of the profession. The first of the series was held on November 7th, at Exeter Hall, at 4 p.m., when the President, Dr. F. H. ALDERSON, brought forward the subject of the "Remuneration of Medical Men." All members of the profession, whether belonging to the Association or not, are cordially invited to be present at the adjourned discussion on this subject, which will take place at Exeter Hall on December 5th, at 4 p.m.

THE annual meeting of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Dorcas Society was held lately in the Merchants' Hall, Glasgow. Lord Provost BELL presided. The report stated that 1,049 cases had been attended during the year. Besides providing clothing for the poor patients, aid had been given to the families of those who had left the Infirmary but were too ill to work. Twenty-nine cabs had been provided to convey lame or infirm patients to their homes or to the railway stations. In some cases artificial limbs had been supplied, and during the summer, flowers were freely distributed in the Infirmary. The treasurer's statement showed that, including a balance of £401 16s. 2d. from last year, the revenue amounted to £984 10s. 2d. The expenditure was £561 12s. 4d., leaving a balance of £422 17s. 10d. The Lord Provost said they would always have those necessitous cases, and it spoke well for the ladies of Glasgow that they were always ready to come forward with kindly words and generous assistance. The reports were adopted.

THE East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, has received the following grants from the City Companies:—For the building fund: Merchant Taylors', £105; Mercers', £10 10s. For the general fund: Mercers', £10 10s.; Vintners', £10 10s.

MRS. HEYWOOD SMITH announces the sale of Useful and Fancy Things at 18, Harley Street, on the 15th and 16th inst., in aid of the Free Ward in Dr. HEYWOOD SMITH'S Private Hospital at Maida Vale.

## National Health Society.

PRESIDENT:—THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.

ON Wednesday, Nov. 8th, a course of six lectures on "Domestic and Personal Hygiene," by John Gay, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., will commence at the South-West London College, Putney Hill, S.W. Each lecture will last an hour; at the close, half-an-hour will be devoted by the lecturer to answering any questions, and such further discussion of the subject as may seem desirable. Application for tickets, and the syllabus of the lectures, may be obtained of Miss Redpath, South-West London College, Putney Hill, who is kindly acting as Hon. Sec.

The lectures on "Sick Nursing," to be given at 15, Belgrave Square, by kind permission of the Duchess of Bedford, will terminate with an examination, and certificates of the National Health Society will be granted to the competitors who are successful in satisfying the Examiners. The first lecture of this series takes place on Nov. 15th, at 4 p.m.

Further applications are constantly coming in for the Society's Lecturers in the counties, and their services meet with grateful recognition. The Chairman of the Gloucestershire County Council Technical Instruction Committee, in applying for a second course of lectures after Christmas, says: "I receive the most enthusiastic reports, from various quarters, of the course you are now giving." And, again, it is gratifying to hear of one of the ladies, who has only recently commenced her duties as lecturer, that "she interests her audience thoroughly, and her lectures are most successful."

Miss Deane will speak on the work of the Society in connection with County Councils immediately following Mr. Sheldon Amos's paper, at the Leeds Conference, on November 8th, and again on "Women as Sanitary Inspectors," after Lady Knightley's paper on "Some new openings for the employment of educated women."

The result of the examination held on the course of "Homely Talks," lately given at St. Dunstan's Road Board Schools, by Mrs. Dickson, on "First Aid to the Injured and Sick," has proved most successful, 14 out of 17 candidates having satisfied the examiner.

The Society now arranges an examination at the close of any course of "Homely Talks," if desired, and certificates are granted. These are distinctly only certificates of merit, and in no way entitle the holder to become a lecturer.

"Homely Talks" have been given, since the commencement of September, at St. Dunstan's Board School, Woburn; Bessborough Gardens, S.W.; Hounslow Barracks; Toynbee Hall; St. Luke's, Berwick Street, Shepherd's Bush; St. Mary's, Somers Town; Lavender Hill and Percy Circus.

A course of Artizan Cookery Lectures, to be given to the laundry girls belonging to the Working Girls' Club, Leman Street, E.C., is arranged to begin November 15th, at 8.45 p.m. The girls themselves are permitted to cook.

On the same date Miss Stacpoole commences a series of "Homely Talks," at the "Churchill's," Finsbury Square, for the members of the Girl's Club. This course will terminate with an examination.

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