

## Royal British Nurses' Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)



A Special Meeting of the Executive Committee is convened by Her Royal Highness the President for Friday, the 20th April, at the Offices of the Corporation.

On Monday, the 16th, Mr. R. Lake, Senior Clinical Assistant and Pathologist to the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, delivered his first lecture to the Members of the R.B.N.A., at 3, Hanover Square, on "Practical Points for Nurses in Throat, Nose and Ear Cases." There was a good and most appreciative audience. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick took the chair. A synopsis of the lecture will be given in the NURSING RECORD next week.

On Friday evening, April 20th, Miss Annesley Kenealey will deliver the fourth sessional lecture, entitled "Women Judges at the World's Fair, Chicago"; and on Monday, April 23rd, Mr. Lake will deliver his second lecture.

DAISY ROBINS,  
Secretary and Registrar.

The Quarterly Meeting of the General Council was held on Friday, April 13th, at 20, Hanover Square, W. Present: Her Royal Highness the President and forty-five members. The chair was taken by Sir JAMES CRICHTON-BROWNE, Vice-Chairman.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting, and the latter were confirmed.

Dr. BEZLY THORNE, Medical Hon. Secretary, read the following report from the Executive Committee:—

The Executive Committee have the honour to inform the General Council that Her Royal Highness the President of the Association has been graciously pleased to propose that the Annual Meeting of the Corporation should, this year, be held at Windsor. They feel assured that the General Council will regard Her Royal Highness's suggestion as a signal token of the generous interest which her Royal Highness has always taken in the welfare of the Association, and of Her Royal Highness's desire to promote the happiness of all its members.

The Executive Committee take this opportunity of acknowledging the thanks which are due to Miss de Pledge and Miss Isla Stewart for the interesting lectures which they severally delivered in February and March last. The Sessional Lecture for the current month will be delivered by Miss Annesley Kenealey, on the 20th inst., and a course of educational lectures on practical points for Nurses in throat, nose, and ear cases, will be delivered by Mr. Lake, F.R.C.S., on the 16th, 23rd and 30th insts. In accordance with the wishes of the General Council, arrangements have been made for the delivery of courses of educational lectures, specially designed for the instruction of Probationers and others interested in the care of the sick, to commence in October next, which will comprise Elementary Anatomy and Physiology, Hygiene, Nursing, Ward and Sick Room Management, and Invalid Cookery. For these lectures, they have been fortunate enough to secure the services of Mr. Walsham, Dr. Schofield, Dr. Louis Parkes, Miss Isla Stewart, and Miss de Pledge.

They have also the pleasure to announce that they have concluded arrangements for the transfer of the offices of the Corporation to more commodious premises, situated at No. 17, Old Cavendish Street. They believe that so desirable a change of location will inaugurate an era of increasing usefulness for the Corporation.

The Executive Committee announce with regret that Dr. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Grace Gordon have intimated the intention of resigning their respective posts of Treasurer and Nurse Honorary Secretary. In doing so, they desire to express their sense of the loss which the Corporation will suffer by the retirement of those able and zealous officers, as well as appreciation of the services which they have rendered to the members generally, and more especially to the General Council and the Executive Committee, by their valued labours. The Executive Committee desire to mark their sense of the debt of gratitude which they owe to Dr. Bedford Fenwick by expressing the hope that the General Council will invite the next General Meeting which may be held, to elect him a Vice-President of the Corporation.

In announcing that they have accepted the resignation of Miss Daisy Robins, the Secretary and Registrar, the Executive Committee desire to place on record their recognition of that lady's devotion to the interests and welfare of the Corporation.

This Report was put to the meeting and unanimously adopted.

Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK said that it was with much regret that he felt compelled, for reasons which he had given in writing to the Executive Committee, and which were entered on its minutes, to resign his office of Treasurer of the Corporation. He was glad to report that all the heavy expenses of the Royal Charter had been paid, and, although the Reserve Fund had been thereby exhausted, the Association was in a sound financial position, as the audited accounts which would be presented as usual at the next meeting would show.

Miss HENRIETTA KENEALY said there was a feeling almost of consternation amongst the members when it became known that Dr. Fenwick intended to resign. Everyone knew the part he and Mrs. Fenwick had taken in founding the Association, and the invaluable help he had given them ever since. She was expressing the feeling of many members when she hoped the Council would ask Dr. Fenwick to re-consider his decision to resign.

The CHAIRMAN said that the Executive Committee had urged Dr. Fenwick to withdraw his resignation, but without avail, and he feared there was no alternative before the Council but to accept it with the greatest regret.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS the President said she desired to propose that Dr. Bedford Fenwick be elected a Vice-President, in token of the gratitude felt to him for his services to the Corporation.

This was put to the meeting and carried by acclamation.

Dr. THORNE proposed, and Sir DYCE DUCKWORTH seconded, that Dr. Calvert, who had been elected a member of the Association, should be elected a member of the General Council.

This was agreed to.

Dr. THORNE proposed, and Mr. HOVELL seconded, that Dr. Calvert be elected Treasurer of the Corporation.

This was agreed to.

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS the President announced that Miss Gordon had agreed to hold her post for a little time longer. The acceptance of the resignation of the Nurse Hon. Secretary was therefore postponed to the next meeting.

Miss HOMERSHAM said that she been asked, on behalf of a number of members of the Association, to propose the following Resolution, which she had much pleasure in doing:—

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