

work as they might have been expected to do, and the expenditure exceeds the income by a substantial amount. It is much to be hoped that greater support will be given to this useful Charity. We are obliged, however, once more to protest against the wrong principle which this Association, like so many others, carries out with regard to its private Nurses. Their salaries amounted to rather less than £60, and they earned more than £108, and this expenditure and receipt are classed with that incurred and received on behalf of the district Nurses. Inasmuch as district Nursing is a charitable work and the private Nurses' department more or less of a commercial undertaking, we contend that the two should be kept entirely separate and distinct, and that the profits from the earnings of the private Nurses should not be utilized to defray the expenses of District Nursing work. If Middlesbrough desires its sick poor to be attended to, it should provide the means wherewith this can be done. It certainly has no right to use any portion of the Nurses' earnings to carry on its charitable work.

National Health Society.

ANNUAL MEETING.



ANNUAL Meetings are not, as a rule, of an interesting character; and an invitation to such is not regarded as offering very thrilling possibilities. But the Meeting of the National Health Society held on May 2nd at Berners Street was a pleasant combination of finance, tea, and the "woman question."

Mr. Ernest Hart, in presenting the Report of the valuable work done during the year, congratulated the Society on the success which has been attained by the pupils who have attended its various Training Courses organised in connection with County Councils and sanitary appointments; and his feeling that women are particularly suited to act as Missioners of Health, met with enthusiastic accord. The more practical-minded among the audience were with him in his strong expressions regarding the tendency to use the appointments of women to municipal offices as an excuse for reducing the salaries attached thereto. Mr. Hart expressed the appreciation the Members of the Society feel of the cheerful and progressive work done by Miss Lankester in the cause of Hygiene, and drew special attention to the energy she has displayed and the interest she has used in opening up new fields for women's energies. The Balance-

sheet presented a most creditable financial condition; but as the audience was largely feminine, the commercial figures were much less absorbing than the fact that the pupils of the Society have won, and are winning, such substantial laurels in the labour market. The appointment of Miss Lucy Deane as Inspector of Factories and Workshops, the Sanitary Inspectorships obtained by Miss Squire and other ladies in various districts of London afforded much satisfaction to the friends and Lecturers of the Society, who feel that these candidates are reaping the benefit of the valuable teaching given them in the Courses of Lectures and Practical Demonstrations in sanitary science which are held each year at Berners Street.

Under the Infant Life and Protection Act, Miss Isabel Smith has been constituted Inspector of "Baby-farms" and *Crèches* in London, and will be in a position to do a grand humanitarian work which it is a mere farce to place in the hands of men.

Dr. Schofield, on behalf of Lady Priestley, explained a scheme which she has originated for the systematic teaching of Personal and Household Hygiene and Domestic Economy in High Schools, Colleges, and private schools for girls. The necessity for such teaching is apparent to all who are aware of the pitiable ignorance of even the elements of Nature's Laws existing in the mind of the average young woman. The typical private school is a hotbed of "young ladyism" and deportment; the modern College is, we are told, a combination of science and skirt-dancing; the High School is the mill-wheel that grinds out young hearts and aspirations, and produces, in a large number of cases, a narrow priggishness. Lady Priestley would have us tend more to a healthy young womanhood that dares to study and to profit by the beautiful knowledge of the body. All schools, teachers, and others interested, are invited to communicate with the National Health Society, with a view to calling a representative meeting to consider how the proposal of introducing a little human teaching into the dry arena of "mental athletics" may best be compassed. At the Grosvenor House meeting, on June 7th, at 3 p.m., a special presentation will be made to Princess Christian, on behalf of the Society, by the Duchess of Westminster, of a beautifully-designed gold medal, as a graceful token of appreciation of the work she has done in the cause of health.

The proceedings terminated, as such proceedings usually do, with cordial votes of thanks to everybody, while the rattle of teaspoons and cups reminded the audience that the time had arrived to break up into little groups and to enjoy the picturesque hospitality of the Society, personified by the Oriental Tea Company.

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