

variety in which, as a rule, the services of a Nurse are required, because the effect of the accident is to cause the deeper skin to form blebs or vesicles containing serum. As a general rule in this class, however, these vesicles dry up or break and gradually heal, and they resemble the condition which is caused when a vesicant or caustic is applied as a form of counter-irritation to the skin.

4. The cutis vera is quite destroyed. This or the former variety is found in patients whose clothes have caught fire. In these cases, the slough which is formed is gradually detached and thrown off, leaving an ulcer, which is slow to heal and often leaves disfiguring scars in consequence. These are the most common and the most serious of the simple burns with which we meet in Hospitals or private practice.

5. The superficial muscular tissues are involved and the resulting sloughs are slow to separate, healing is very prolonged, and the injury to the general health is usually very great.

6. This final variety comprises cases of the greatest injury, where, for example, the whole thickness of a limb down to the bone is charred. Burns from molten metal usually take this form. In these, recovery is very rare, because the patients usually sink either from immediate "shock" after the injury, or from exhaustion owing to the severity of the destruction of the tissues.

The symptoms of burns are very noteworthy. At first, as a rule, there is "collapse" or "shock"—the surface of the skin is pale, the extremities cold, the pulse quick and feeble. There are violent and repeated shiverings, and the patient complains of cold and faintness. In fatal cases, the breathing then becomes difficult, the urine is suppressed, and then the patient becomes drowsy, comatose, and dies; or there may be re-action with fever, often delirium, a quick, jerking pulse and gradually increasing exhaustion owing to the suppuration from the open wounds. It is important to remember that it is much more dangerous to have a burn over a large surface, even if comparatively slight in its character, than to have a small burn which involves the tissues much more deeply; because, in the former, the implication of the skin not only causes greater shock, but by the destruction of its tissue, there is thrown upon the other organs of the body the work which it should be doing in excretion. Burns upon the trunk are, again, always more dangerous than those of an equal extent upon the limbs. Pain, upon the whole, is to be regarded as a favorable symptom, because it is a fact, which has been for many hundreds of years recognised, that absence of pain in severe burns, especially if accompanied by prolonged shock and more or less stupor, indicates extreme danger.

(To be continued.)

## Royal British Nurses' Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)



THE adjourned Meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Offices of the Association, on Friday, the 11th inst., at 4.30 p.m. Her Royal Highness the President took the Chair, and later deputed Mr. Pickering Pick to perform the duty. The following Registered Nurses were elected Members of the Corporation:—

Name of Member.	Certificated at
Adams, Emma Elizabeth...	London Temperance Hospital.
Amor, Emily ... ..	St. George's Hospital.
Beck, Marianne ... ..	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Bull, Ellen Lucy ... ..	London Homœopathic "
Bullock, Annie ... ..	London Temperance "
Bell, Fanny Caroline ...	Addenbrooke's Hospital.
Cross, Sarah ... ..	Middlesex "
Cumming, Agnes Whyte ...	Royal Infirmary, Glasgow.
Evans, Maggie ... ..	Central London Sick Asylum.
Finn, Florence ... ..	Guy's Hospital.
Frere, Constance E. Temple	Middlesex Hospital.
Hawes, Alice ... ..	Chelsea Infirmary.
Hickman, Annie ... ..	Middlesex Hospital.
Johnston, May ... ..	" "
Jones, Isabel C. M. ... ..	St. George's "
Maiben, Sarah Ann ... ..	St. John's House.
Ponsford, Mary ... ..	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Porter, Edith Dagmar ...	Royal Infirmary, Bristol.
Paul, Colleen ... ..	Kimberley Hospital.
Rogers, Emily ... ..	St. Bartholomew's Hospital.
Spencer, Elizabeth ... ..	" "
Stonham, Flora ... ..	Middlesex Hospital.
Vaughan, Evelyn ... ..	Buchanan Cottage Hospital.
Wheatley, Jane Eleanor ...	St. George's Hospital.
Wilkinson, Frances Maude	" "
Wills, Emma Grace ... ..	London Hospital.
Wilson, May ... ..	Royal Cornwall Infirmary.

The Committee then interviewed four selected candidates for the post of Secretary, Miss Alice Ravenhill being ultimately elected. Miss Ravenhill has lately held the position of Lecturer to the National Health Society, after passing through the complete curriculum of the Society's educational course. Miss Ravenhill has also had some training in Nursing, and is deeply interested in the work of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

From Friday, the 18th inst., the Association will conduct its business in the new offices, 17, Old Cavendish Street, which are, in every respect, most suitable for the purpose, as they comprise a large lecture and board room, president's room, secretary's office, clerk's office, and club room for members.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)