

but not in communication directly with each other; here there are two auricles and one ventricle; and, finally, in the highest type of the animal kingdom we have the ventricle divided into two, forming two ventricles, but these are not in communication with each other, and thus, as in man, we have a heart containing four chambers—two auricles and two ventricles—and to distinguish them from each other we prefix right or left, as the case may be.

(To be continued.)

Royal British Nurses' Association.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)



THE Autumn Session of Educational Lectures to be delivered at 17, Old Cavendish Street, W., and which are under the immediate patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Christian the President, are now finally settled to take place on the following dates and times:—

Elementary Anatomy.—Twelve Lectures by W. J. Walsham, F.R.C.S., on Tuesdays, commencing October 2nd, at 4.30 p.m.

Physiology.—Twelve Lectures by A. Schofield, M.D., on Wednesdays, commencing October 3rd, at 4 p.m.

Hygiene.—Twelve Lectures by Louis C. Parkes, M.D., D.P.H., M.O.H. Chelsea, on Thursdays, commencing October 4th, at 4.30 p.m.

Practical Nursing.—Twelve Lectures by Miss Isla Stewart (Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital), on Mondays, commencing October 1st, at 4 p.m.

Ward Management and Domestic Economy.—Six Lectures by Miss de Pledge (Matron of the Chelsea Infirmary), on alternate Fridays, commencing October 12th, at 4 p.m.

Terms:—For the Complete Educational Course, £8 8s.; for One Course of Lectures, £2 2s.; for a Single Lecture, 5s. For Members and those engaged in practical nursing, Half Fees.

At the close of each Course an Examination will be held, and certificates granted. H.R.H. Princess Christian has graciously signified her intention of bestowing a prize on the Nurse who, after having attended the lectures and examination, shall show herself most proficient in the subject of Practical Nursing.

A hard-working District Nurse would be glad to take a few months' rest if she could meanwhile take charge of a delicate or crippled child, or be provided with a supply of needlework, in which she excels, and which she would execute at moderate charges. The Secretary, 17, Old Cavendish Street, will be happy to furnish further particulars.

The attention of all Members is again most earnestly called to the case of Miss Van der Ben, who must have had at least 1,000 fresh votes secured on her behalf if she is to be successful at the November election. Will members kindly inform any friends possessing votes for the Royal Hospital for Incurables that cards and all information concerning Miss Maria Van der Ben's deserving case can be obtained from this office.

ALICE RAVENHILL,
Secretary of the Corporation.

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AN esteemed correspondent sends us the following from Holland concerning the Nursing of the insane in that country.

"The Commission formed by the Netherland's Association for 'Psychiatrie,' for examining those who wish to acquire the Diploma of Caretaker (male or female) of Lunatics, informs those interested, of the following:—

In the month of November, on a day and at an hour to be fixed later on, opportunity will be given at Meerenberg for the passing of the said examination. This examination will comprise:—

1. The knowledge of the first principles of the structure and the functions of the human body.
2. The knowledge of the first principles of the laws of health.
3. The knowledge of the first principles of treatment of the sick.
4. The knowledge of the treatment and care of Lunatics.

The examination is theoretical and practical. Those who wish to be examined must subscribe to the following conditions:—

1. They must be persons of culture and good manners, of good moral conduct (according to the judgment of the Commission), and enjoy good health.
2. They must not be under 22 years of age.
3. They must be able to prove that they have been successfully working during two years in an institution for sick people, of which at least one year must have been spent in a lunatic asylum or an asylum for nerve-sufferers.

Those having a Diploma of Sick Nurse (male or female) will be freed for Nos. 2 and 3, according to the judgment of the Commission. Those in-

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