

Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Ward and Sick-room Management, and Invalid Cookery, which are necessary to prepare Nurses for their important duties; and will thus perform the part of a college for the instruction and preparation of those who may be desirous of entering Hospitals as probationers. It is the hope of the Corporation that the time is not far distant when the State will see the importance of recognising a definite Diploma of Nursing, and of giving its official sanction to the maintenance of the Register of Trained Nurses.

Thus, those belonging to the Royal British Nurses' Association are endeavouring to follow the path of progressive changes in the great social developments which will always distinguish this century.

It should also be mentioned that a great impetus was given to the cause of the higher training of Nurses in Great Britain by the Committee of the House of Lords, which, in 1892, published conclusions at which it had arrived after very searching inquiry; and expressed complete approval of the standard of three years' training, then already adopted by what is now the Royal Corporation of British Nurses.

Another sign of the times is the fact that, while these words are being penned, a scheme is being inaugurated for organising a Volunteer Reserve of three years trained Nurses for Army Service in time of War, a Reserve which the Royal British Nurses' Association will hold in readiness for the requirements of the State at seven days' notice. It is proposed that these Nurses should undergo special instruction in military Ambulance work, and that, when in active service, they should receive the same pay, and be entitled to the same distinctions, as the permanent members of the Army Nursing Department.

In concluding this brief notice of the progress which is being made in the organisation of women for the service of the sick and suffering in this country and its dependencies, special emphasis must be laid on the obvious truth that education and training are not alone sufficient to qualify women for the proper fulfilment of duties so important and so engrossing. They must also be prepared to bring to their work all the best qualities and endowment of mind and heart, and to exhibit a single-minded and unselfish devotion to duty. Sympathy and womanly tenderness must neither be blunted by familiarity with suffering nor swallowed up in scientific interests, or in a desire to attain to professional excellence. Women who nurse must not only be women still, but they must also be good women in the highest and best sense of the words.

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 Islá 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.

On and after January the 1st, 1895, the fee for Registration will be £1 1s., instead of 10s. 6d.

Some particulars concerning the forthcoming Bazaar will be given next week.

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