

cational course on "The Nursing of Throat Affections" has been delivered by Mr. Lake, F.R.C.S., in the past session.

In view of the revival of an epidemic of cholera in various parts of the continent, the addresses of the several Nurses who joined the Roll instituted by H.R.H. the President in the autumn of 1892, have been verified, and arrangements have been made for communicating with those who reside within the metropolitan district at any hour of the day or night, and, therefore, valuable assistance will be available for such emergencies as may overtax the resources of the sanitary authorities.

A Reserve of Nurses for Army Medical Service is being organized with the assistance of several of the great metropolitan Hospitals to which Schools of Nursing are attached, with a view to placing it at the service of the authorities in the event of war. The success which has been so far obtained is largely due to H.R.H. the President, who has graciously consented to become the Chief Officer of the Reserve. It is hoped that, emulating the example of the metropolis, other centres of population may shortly proceed to organize Companies of Nurses which will swell the Roll of this Reserve.

The vitality of the Association is attested by the increasing number of women who aspire to become Nurses registered under Royal Charter. At the last meeting of the Registration Board thirty new names were added to the list maintained by the Corporation, making a total of 2,083 on the Register. That the medical profession and the public are beginning to recognise the value of an authoritative Register of Nurses is shown by the appreciation with which the establishment, on co-operative principles, of the Registered Nurses' Society has been received. The Society was initiated with the sanction of the Executive Committee of the Corporation; nevertheless, it is both organically and administratively a separate body.

The transfer of the Offices of the Corporation to other and more spacious premises has enabled the Executive Committee to meet a long felt want by opening a Club Room, replete with homely refinement, where light refreshment and recreation is offered to Nurses. It is hoped shortly to establish a lending library of books of scientific and general interest.

Within the last year the offices of Treasurer, Nurse Honorary Secretary, and Secretary have been vacated by the resignation of Dr. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Grace Gordon, and Miss Daisy Robins. The Corporation has been fortunate enough to fill the vacancies by the appointment of Dr. Calvert, Mrs. Spencer, and Miss Alice Ravenhill.

Turning to the future, it remains to complete the organization of the Reserve of Nurses for Army Service, for which a scheme has been drawn up, thanks, mainly, to the advice and assistance of Brigade Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Evatt.

Arrangements have been made for the institution of complete courses of educational lectures for Probationers and others interested in the care of the sick, which will commence in October next. Each course will occupy three months, and there will be three courses in the coming year. Those who attend will be eligible for examination, and H.R.H. the President has been pleased to offer a prize to be bestowed on the student who shall prove herself most proficient in the subject of Practical Nursing.

The removal to new offices and the extension of the work of the Corporation will involve an increase of expenditure which the income of the Corporation will not be adequate to meet until several departments become self-supporting. The Executive Committee have, therefore, decided to invite the members of the General Council individually, and such other members of the Corporation as may be disposed to do so, to make a definite annual contribution, and have also resolved to make the Register self-supporting by raising the fee for Registration to one guinea on and after the 1st January next.

It remains to be recorded, with grateful thanks, that H.R.H. the President has graciously offered to hold next December, and in conjunction with the Annual Conversazione, a Bazaar, of which the proceeds will be devoted to the general fund.

The General Council recommends this general meeting to elect the following members to the office of Vice-President:—Professor Sir Douglas Maclagan, Professor Sir Thomas Grainger Stewart, Dr. Patrick Heron Watson, Dr. John Duncan, Dr. Halliday Croom, Professor Gairdner, Dr. Hector Cameron, and Dr. Bedford Fenwick.

The General Council also recommends this meeting to pray the Lords of Her Majesty's Privy Council to amend Clause 1 of Section F of the Bye-laws by the substitution of the words "the following thirty elected members" for the words "the following twenty-four elected members," so as to bring the preliminary definition of the Committee into harmony with the detailed statement which follows.

The Annual Meetings of the Royal British Nurses' Association have all been events of signal interest. Gathering as it does this day within sight of the stately home of a long line of monarchs, and in response to the invitation of that illustrious lady who deigns to be its President, the Corporation cannot fail to remember with gratitude that through Her Majesty's special favour they enjoy the distinction of belonging to a Royal Corporation, a privilege granted through the devotion of their illustrious President to the welfare of British Nurses, a devotion extending through them to the sick and suffering in this Kingdom and throughout Her Majesty's dominions.

The Treasurer then rapidly went through the Financial Report—remarking that, in further developing the Association, the Executive Committee had to face the fact of increased expenditure, which would be about £300 a year. They had therefore resolved to send out a circular-letter asking for subscriptions, especially annual subscriptions for two or three years, in order to meet this increased expenditure. Her Royal Highness had already headed the list by an annual subscription of £25. (Cheers.) It is to be hoped that others will show an equally active desire to ensure the complete success of the Association.

The Annual and Financial Reports were then formally proposed, seconded, and adopted *nem con.*

Votes of thanks having been accorded to the Mayor and Corporation for granting the use of the Town Hall; to the Mayor, the Rev. Canon Gilbert Edwards, and Mr. George Peters, for providing luncheon; and to the Chairman (Princess Christian) for presiding, the Meeting dispersed about one o'clock. In half an hour, however, all were again gathered together in the

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