

of vivisection. So much odium has been attached to the word, and so much discredit to the practice, some having gone so far as to declare that nothing useful ever has been or ever will be learnt from it, that it becomes necessary to point out from time to time, and especially in lectures like these, how much we owe to such investigations, and how much light has already been obtained upon questions, not by any means fanciful ones, but which lie at the very root of sound and successful practice.

In my next lecture I propose to explain to you the various means which we possess and the manner of using them for the purpose of making and keeping our wounds and injuries free from the presence of germs and their consequent ill effects.

(To be continued.)

THE BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

THE quarterly meeting of the General Council of the British Nurses' Association was held at the Medical Society's Rooms, on Friday, the 12th instant. H.R.H. Princess Christian took the chair, and there were many well-known Medical men and Matrons present, including Sir Dyce Duckworth, Drs. Bezly Thorne, Sydney Coupland, Heyward Smith, S. Sibley, Messrs. Warrington Haward, Frederick Gant, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Thorold, Miss East, Miss Molett, and many others.

Miss Wood read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed by H.R.H. Princess Christian. Dr. Bedford Fenwick read the report from the Executive Committee as follows:—

(1) The number of Members up to this date—that is to say, in the first seventeen months of the Association's existence—is two thousand five hundred and fifteen, a fact which, taken in conjunction with the financial condition, appears to the Executive Committee to be not only a source of much congratulation, but an augury of the great results the Association may expect to accomplish in future years.

(2) Many inquiries have been addressed to the Committee by large and small Hospitals in London and the provinces as to the most useful form of a certificate of training to be granted to Nurses. The Executive Committee have carefully considered the matter, and have drawn up a form which it considers will meet all requirements. This is now placed before the Council for consideration, and the Committee recommend that it should be adopted, in order that future inquirers on the subject may be supplied with the definite

information that this is the form of Certificate of Training advised by the Association.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that A. B. has been trained as a Nurse in the Medical and Surgical Wards of this Hospital from to . She has received instruction in the theory of her profession. Her conduct throughout has been meritorious, and she is duly qualified to discharge the duties of a Trained Nurse.

Signed by—

Chairman.

Physician.

Surgeon.

Lady Superintendent.

Some discussion followed, and finally the certificate was referred back to the Executive Committee to make several alterations which were suggested.

(3) It was decided at the last meeting of this Council that the annual meeting should be held this year at Cambridge. The Executive Committee now reports that the Mayor of this town has most kindly granted the use of the Guildhall on the 31st instant for the meeting; that the authorities of St. John's College, with equal courtesy, have placed their hall at the disposal of the Association, in order that two hundred Members may dine together; that it is proposed to give a garden party to the Members in the grounds of one of the colleges; and that an influential local committee is engaged in making other arrangements for the pleasure and interest of Members. (Applause.)

(4) The Executive Committee desires to call attention to the facts revealed by the statement of income and expenditure from the commencement of the movement until the end of last month. These are briefly that, despite the smallness of the subscriptions on the one hand, and the necessary heaviness of the preliminary expenses upon the other, the Association has been able, both to invest every life subscription and donation received, and also to save nearly one-third of its income from ordinary sources. Owing to the rise in value of its securities, it now has nearly eight hundred pounds invested at an average rate of four and a-half per cent. (Applause.)

(5) Finally, the Executive Committee has now completed the task of preparing the Charter. The thanks of the Council are due to the Hon. W. H. Cross, M.P., who has most kindly undertaken the drafting of this document, and to Mr. Jeune, Q.C., for his frequent assistance and invaluable counsel during the process. The draft has been sent to every Vice-President, and to every Member of this Council. It is, therefore, for the Council to decide whether it approves of this Draft or not, and in the former event, what course it desires should be pursued.

The report having been adopted and ordered to

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