

at Clapham. The situation of the house is considered to be ideal, being close to the Common and within a few minutes' walk of the tram cars.

Mr. Percy Adams, the well-known architect, is also generously giving his advice with regard to the necessary alterations of the house.

Up to date the expenditure is as follows:—

Expenses at Central Office—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Typewriting	5	3	6			
Printing	14	0	4			
Postage and Stationery	8	16	3½			
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Bank Charges				0	14	0
Collection Expenses at Centres				5	3	6
(exclusive of £11 18s. 10d. deducted for expenses by certain Heads of Centres from their total collections. The net balance only having been remitted).						
	<hr/>			£33	17	7½

In many Centres no expenses have been charged.

At a Meeting held at Westminster Hospital on the 30th October two ladies, who are not members of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, were nominated to serve on Sir Everard Hambro's Committee, to represent Non-Policy Holders.

The Central Committee are greatly appreciative of the work done by the various heads of Centres, and are grateful to those who have so generously defrayed their own expenses, and thus helped to keep down the expenditure.

The work of the Central Committee being now practically completed, the balance of the money collected will be remitted to Sir Everard Hambro, and the Committee will be dissolved.

MABEL H. CAVE,
Hon. Secretary.

THE IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

There was a very large attendance of members of the Irish Nurses' Association at the lecture delivered by Dr. Preston Ball in the rooms of the Association, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, on Wednesday evening, November 22nd, when Miss L. Despard presided. The members greatly appreciated the amount of valuable information which Dr. Ball imparted to them, as well as the microscopic slides the different stages of which he showed in illustration of the disease.

The lecturer began his address by dividing rheumatism into six different forms:

1. Rheumatic Fever.
2. Acute Articular Rheumatism.
3. Acute and Chronic Rheumatoid Arthritis.
4. Osteo Arthritis.

5. Spondylitis Deformans.

6. Muscular Rheumatism, including Neuritis, Lumbago, Sciatica, &c.

The first of these forms may be mistaken for scarlet fever or influenza, the symptoms at first being practically the same, viz., bad sore throat, quick pulse and fever; but later on, when general soreness and sometimes great pain are complained of, and also the fever is higher, it can then be diagnosed as Rheumatic Fever.

The second form mostly attacks the male sex between the ages of 20 and 40, and is due to a specific microbe. It usually begins in the larger joints, these becoming hot, swollen, and the skin is much inflamed, due to an excess of synovial fluid. The heart, as a rule, is affected. Treatment is rest, quiet, warm woollen clothing, the medicine prescribed being salicylates in some form. When the fever has gone, massage is extremely beneficial to the muscles, but not to the joints, as it would cause great pain and make the patient worse.

Rheumatoid Arthritis is very common in this country, and is also due to a microbe attacking the joints. People suffering from cold clammy hands, and finger-tips which go dead in the winter very often get this form of Rheumatism.

The causes for Osteo Arthritis are very simple:

Decayed teeth discharging pus from the gums.

Chronic discharge from the ear.

Chronic nasal discharge.

Constant attacks of dyspepsia, gastritis.

Chronic suppuration from wounds of any sort, no matter how small.

The fifth class generally attacks old people in the spinal column.

Muscular Rheumatism includes neuritis, which is a very painful disease, and may occur at any age. It is characterized by severe pains, accompanied after a time with wasting of the muscles, and ending probably with creeping paralysis.

Lumbago attacks the small of the back and comes spasmodically. Massage is recommended for it.

Gout is quite a distinct disease and not, as some think, a form of Rheumatism.

Dr. Ball had not time to give the detailed treatment for each form, but it is hoped that at a future date he may be induced to continue this very interesting subject.

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Downie and seconded by Miss Jones, was accorded to the lecturer at the close of the proceedings.

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