

and elsewhere ever since the initiation of the movement, we do not doubt that the promoters—who have had much the best of the argument throughout—will be able to satisfy the committee, which is at least too familiar with legal procedure to adjudicate upon a claim without hearing in its support those who advance it."

The Hospital Gazette, the journal of the General Practitioners' Alliance (a most important association of gentlemen in general medical practice) makes the following remarks:—

"The nursing question is one that appeals very forcibly to the sympathy of the general practitioner. He knows only too well from sad experience how often it happens that the best efforts of the doctor to save the life of his patient are frustrated by bad nursing and the wilful neglect of his instructions. To ensure the possibility of medical men being able to obtain the assistance of experienced and trustworthy Nurses, the Royal British Nurses' Association was, as many of our readers are aware, formed some four years ago. The Association has been well supported by the leaders of the medical profession, and moreover was so fortunate as to secure the active sympathy and support of Her Royal Highness the Princess CHRISTIAN, who was pleased to accept the presidency. The objects of the Association and what it has accomplished during the brief period of its existence are clearly and tersely set forth in the letter, which we have had the honour to receive from Her Royal Highness for publication."

AFTER publishing the letter, it continues:—

"We feel sure that Her Royal Highness will not appeal to the profession in vain. As we have said before, medical men are deeply concerned in this question, and they will, we feel confident, do all they can to support her noble efforts in this great and laudable work. The Association, as will be seen from the clauses of the Draft Charter, printed in another column, is now applying to Her Majesty the QUEEN for a Royal Charter of Incorporation. We do not know whether the granting of the Charter will be opposed or not. The Association has its enemies, who miss no opportunity of thwarting its objects, and it may be that they will continue their obstructive tactics."

ALL these notices must be very encouraging to the Executive of the R.B.N.A., and I only hope that each member will *do all in her power* to help the great cause. They should remember that every one can do a little, and every little helps.

I HEAR that UNCLE PUMBLEHOOK is very busy trying to oppose the Charter; but this valiant champion of Bumbledom failed to put in an appearance at the Mansion House meeting, and there *publicly* and honestly express his views.

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Of course all the helpful or hopeful notices in the Medical Press with regard to the application for the Charter will be studiously omitted from his paper, so I insert them here with all the more pleasure.

MISS H. M. KENEALY is proving a very popular addition to the National Health Society's staff of lecturers, and is meeting with wonderful success in Lincolnshire, where she is lecturing for the County Council, under the Technical Education scheme. The halls are crowded with very appreciative audiences, and in some places there is scarcely standing room to be had.

LECTURING on Ambulance, Hygiene, and Nursing offers a new branch and career for Trained Nurses; but without special qualifications it is likely to be an unsuccessful and unsatisfactory undertaking. Great tact and discretion are always needed in addressing uneducated audiences, in order to make the teaching acceptable and interesting. The gift of successful public speaking is very rare amongst women, and it is only those possessing it who can hope to permanently succeed as lecturers.

In several counties there has been great dissatisfaction expressed where the Technical Education Lectures do not meet the wants of the people; and none are so critical or so hard to please as what are called the "uneducated class." Any Nurse taking up this work should have had three years' Hospital training at the least, and have in addition the art of clothing her knowledge and teaching in educated and acceptable language.

SISTER KATE COLLINS, the successful candidate in the thirty-third of the Post-card Examinations, which had for its subject "Wet-sheet Packing," has chosen for her prize that exceedingly pretty and interesting book, "Hors de Combat; or, Three Weeks in a Hospital." I congratulate this lady upon her success. S. G.

Clapham Maternity Hospital.

THIS Hospital held its third annual meeting of subscribers on March 16, and as it is one of those quietly-growing good works about which little is said, it may interest some of our readers to hear particulars.

The Clapham Maternity is a small Hospital under the care of medical women, and in con-

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