

often do. It will smooth the work of the Hospital officials, and will remove the slight frictions which have existed between them and some of the subscribers. The various interests have been carefully considered in our propositions; and although you may be afraid at the introduction or alteration of a number of rules, that fear will be more imaginary than real. The rules have been carefully considered by two eminent counsel, members of the Committee: Mr. Dickinson and Mr. Russell; and we have adopted the alterations and suggestions, which, in order to save time, I trust will be taken as read. I trust, gentlemen, I have clearly stated the case, and with your Grace's permission I will move the Resolution—"That in future there shall be only one form of letter recommending children for treatment at the Hospital, and that cases so recommended shall, if suitable, be admitted at the discretion of the Medical Officers."

The Resolution was carried unanimously.

Second Resolution: "That special provision be made to facilitate the admission as in-patients of country cases—namely, those resident beyond a radius of ten miles from the Hospital."

Which was also unanimously carried.

Third Resolution: "That children who are brought with subscriber's letters, shall have precedence, except in cases of special urgency."

Mr. JOHN MURRAY: Considerable modifications were made in these Resolutions in consequence of the letters which have reached us from about three hundred subscribers, and to which Mr. Lucas has already referred. One new arrangement will much facilitate matters. Formerly children were brought from considerable distances at great expense, and with much trouble to their parents, on the off-chance of being admitted. Now, to prevent disappointment, a subscriber desirous of

obtaining admission for a child from the country is requested, before sending the child to the Hospital, to apply to the House Physician for a form of Medical Certificate, and, having had this certificate filled up and signed by a medical man who has seen the child, to return it to the House Physician, in order that the medical officers may be able to judge whether the case is a suitable one for admission. The House Physician will at once inform the subscriber whether the case is eligible for admission, and, if so, how soon it can be admitted." This rule will be an immense boon. We are hoping to elaborate an arrangement by which the duty of treating those in the out-patients' department can be carried on with the best advantage to the sufferers, and, at the same time, be an arrangement which will give the subscribers the pleasure of feeling that their letters have no imaginary advantage. Cases of special urgency, which will at once catch the eye of the medical officer, will be taken first, and of the rest precedence will be given to those who hold subscriber's letters. I beg to second the Resolution.

The Resolution was unanimously agreed to.

Viscount GORT: I am sure we should all wish to tender our best thanks to His Grace the Duke of Fife for his attendance here to-day, for his long connection with this Charity, and for his great interest in its welfare. We admire the help he has given us, and we trust he will continue it in the future.

Mr. ARTHUR LUCAS: I have much pleasure in seconding that. I think it ought to be known that His Grace the Duke of Fife's interest in us is not confined to these annual meetings. He comes here from time to time in order to see that we are doing our work properly. For these visits we are most thankful, as well as for his kindly presiding over us on this oppressively hot day. Hitherto we have balanced fairly well the out-goings and in-comings

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