

a piece of lint, or soft rag soaked in Friar's Balsam, or Hazeline over the part, and securing it with a bandage. It is well to note first, if the blood that flows from the wound is a dark bluish colour, it comes from a vein, but if it is a bright red, and gushes out from the cut in a jerky manner, you may conclude it proceeds from an artery, and is of a more serious nature to deal with. To dress a simple cut, sponge the wound clean with cold water, dry it, then draw the edges together, and strap them across with strips of adhesive plaster, placing a narrow bandage over the plaster if necessary. The best plaster to use in such cases is that spread on some soft, but fairly stout, material, such as brown holland, and known as hospital strapping.

Bleeding from a vein is best checked by applying a pad composed of several layers of lint soaked in cold water, and placing it over the wound from which the blood has been wiped. Then roll a cork in another piece of lint, place it on the top of the pad, and secure the whole tightly by means of a bandage. Pressure should not be used above the wound in such cases. If the cut is in the arm, or leg, the limb should be kept raised, to assist the return of blood. When the bleeding has stopped, have some strips of plaster ready, remove the pad, and, drawing the edges of the wound together, strap it across, leaving a small space between each strap. If the wound is a large one, allow the pad to remain until medical assistance is procured, as it may require stitching. In cases where the wound has been made with broken glass, be careful to remove any fragments that may have entered the flesh before strapping.

In severe cases of bleeding, such as the bursting of a varicose vein, first aid should be rendered by placing the patient on a sofa, and keeping the limb raised. Apply as rapidly as possible a pad of lint dipped in cold water to the wound, and secure by a bandage until the doctor arrives. Prompt action is also very necessary when bleeding occurs from an artery. Press the thumb for the moment tightly over the wound, if possible keeping the limb raised, then fold a handkerchief or scarf into the form of a narrow bandage, and tie loosely round the limb, *above the wound*. Now place a pencil, a key, or anything of the kind that is handy under the handkerchief, and twist it round, causing the bandage to become tighter and tighter, until you see the blood cease to flow. When the bleeding stops, apply the wet pad of lint as described before. Keep the patient quiet, and in a recumbent position until medical help is procured.

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THE proceedings at the meeting of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association, last Friday, were most interesting. SIR WILLIAM SAVORY took the chair, and there was a considerable number of members present. The ballot for the vacant pensioner-ship was kept open during the reading of the minutes, and then all the voting papers which had been received were handed to Mr. OWEN LANKESTER, MISS HOMER-SHAM, and Miss WOOD, who were nominated by the Chairman to act as scrutineers. While they were examining and checking the votes the report of the Executive Committee for the past quarter was read by the Hon. Secretary, Dr. BEZLY THORNE, and the audited accounts for the year by the Treasurer, Dr. BEDFORD FENWICK. The former told of steady progress and useful work well done, the latter showed that the Association was in a very flourishing state, having a larger settled income than its expenses, besides increasing receipts from other sources, and that it has now an invested reserve fund of £1,350 and a balance in hand of more than £250.

THE report and financial statements having been adopted by acclamation, a proposition by Mr. DAVIES-COLLEY, seconded by Mrs. BEDFORD FENWICK, to the following effect, was debated at some length and finally carried:—"That Nurses who were early members of the R.B.N.A. and failed to apply for Registration during the period of grace, either through having misunderstood the position of members with regard to Registration, or as the result of not having received notice of the termination of the period of grace, shall be allowed to be eligible for Registration, subject to the conditions which obtained during the period of grace, provided that they make application for Registration within six months from this date, and that they pay the fees at present in force."

THEN Miss SPRING proposed, and in a most lucid and forcible speech, Mr. WARRINGTON HAWARD

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