

and practice of nursing, and also of ventilation and sanitation, especially of a sick room.

(c) The manufacture and distribution by sale or presentation of ambulance material, and the formation of ambulance depots in mines, factories, and other centres of industry and traffic.

(d) The organization of ambulance corps, invalid transport corps, and nursing corps.

(e) And generally the promotion of instruction, and carrying out works for the relief of suffering of the sick and injured in peace and war, independently of class, nationality and denomination.

It must be clearly understood that the object of the association is not to rival but to aid the medical man, and the subject matter of instruction given at the classes has been defined by the Medical Committee of the Ambulance Department, with the view of qualifying the pupil to adopt such measures as may be advantageous, pending the doctor's arrival, or during the interval between his visits.

The course of instruction consists of five or more lectures in First Aid to the injured, followed by an examination, for which certificates are issued to the successful pupils, and five or more lectures in Nursing and Home Hygiene, followed by another examination, for which certificates are also given. At the expiration of a year a re-examination is held, and after another year and second re-examination a medallion. The interest maintained by these re-examinations is witnessed by the issue of no less than 112,247 medallions. The number of certificates issued from St. John's Gate from 1877 to September 30, 1907, is 717,495, the classes being distributed over almost every colony and dependency of the Empire. It is hardly necessary to add that the records prove that thousands of lives have been saved and much needless suffering avoided by the elementary knowledge of medicine and surgery afforded by these courses of instruction.

THE BRITISH OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL AT JERUSALEM.

This useful and important charity is maintained at Jerusalem, the birthplace of the Order, almost entirely by the subscriptions of the members. It was founded in 1881, and is doing admirable work under the administration of Mr. Cant, F.R.C.S., among all classes, Christians, Jews and Moham-medans. In 1907, 988 in-patients were admitted, 9,269 new cases seen, 38,369 consultations held (out-patients), 1,670 operations performed, and 919 anesthetics given.