

a Scotch Doctor, and has a daily average of fifty-nine in-patients. This is the highest daily average ever reached at Port Said. The patients, besides natives, are of eleven European nationalities, chiefly Italian, Greek, French, and English. An out-patient service has recently been opened, and nearly two thousand cases were treated during the year. A new pavilion has been opened, consisting of two wards, for fifty patients, and allowing each two thousand cubic feet. Among other improvements, bath-rooms and washhouses, with hot and cold water, have been newly built. The chief blot on this Hospital is the absence of Nursing, this being entirely left to untrained Hospital attendants. The linenry, laundry, and kitchen are well presided over by *sœurs de charité*.

ON the 7th instant a special meeting of the subscribers to the Swansea Hospital was held to consider a scheme for the amalgamation of the Swansea Eye Hospital with the General Hospital. Mr. W. Stone presided. The conditions proposed were approved, and a resolution was agreed to, that on the basis provided by them an amalgamation should be effected between the two committees, and power was given to carry out the necessary details.

It is announced that within the past two years twenty members of the Nursing-Staff of the Lambeth Infirmary have availed themselves of the midwifery practice of this Poor-Law Institution, under the supervision and direction of Dr. Rugg, senior assistant Medical Officer, and obtained the diploma of the Obstetrical Society as certificated midwives.

THE STRATFORD-ON-AVON HOSPITAL.—Sir Arthur Hodgson presided at the annual meeting of the Governors, held on the 26th ult. The financial statement showed the income had been £826 1s. 9d., and the expenditure £963 3s. 11d., exhibiting a deficit of £137 2s. 2d. The Rev. W. Bannand, of Alveston, subscribed £100 towards the extinction of last year's debt, and this being supplemented by other subscriptions, to the amount of £154, the debt was discharged. Mr. Bannand also gave £105 as an annual ten guineas subscription for the next ten years (his fifth life subscription to the Institution).

A LADY lately travelled to Scotland in an extraordinary way. Starting from London, accompanied by her family (two of whom were children who had to be wheeled in a perambulator), they performed the task of walking the whole distance to Glasgow—five hundred miles—in five weeks.

"NURSING RECORD" BENEVOLENT FUND.

"BEAR YE ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS."

OBJECT.—To assist, by the united efforts of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, Trained Nurses who may be in need of temporary or permanent aid.

Proposition I.—That subscriptions shall be received to a Benevolent Fund, from which disbursements shall be made to relieve cases urgently needing temporary assistance. A statement of all such receipts and expenditure to be published in the *Record*.

II.—That for such cases of distress as need permanent assistance, the following procedure shall be adopted. Every annual subscriber to this journal shall have the right to send to the Editor the particulars of any such case, with which they may be personally acquainted, and if after full investigation it be found suitable, the name and particulars shall be entered upon a list. The *Nursing Record* will ask its readers to work unitedly for only one case at a time, and when that one, in the manner considered most suitable, is permanently provided for, the list of cases as above obtained, shall be published in the journal. Each copy of that issue shall contain a slip of paper, so that each purchaser of that number will be able to vote for one of the cases on this list by writing her name thereon, and forwarding it by post to the Editor. The following issue of the journal shall contain the number of votes polled for each case, and that one which receives the largest number of proxies, will be adopted as the next case to be relieved by the Fund; and the readers of this journal will then be advised as to the method which seems most suitable for helping that particular case, and asked to unite in securing its speedy success.

CASE I.

Mrs. Sarah Duyck, aged 47, a widow. Has broken her leg so badly, that she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life. Dislocated one shoulder some years ago, so that she is even unable to use her crutches for long at a time.

Proposed Method of Assistance.—To obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

Will every reader of this journal do what she or he can to obtain votes for this sad case—to assist, in however small a measure, to bear another's burden? Such help will be gratefully welcomed by the Editor, *Nursing Record*, St. Dunstan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, etc., will be duly acknowledged.

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