

mud-pies they make outside their cottage homes, they rise to moulding jugs and pitchers, and ornamental articles of grace and beauty. Quite small children are taught to press the clay over leaves, which elder ones colour, and which, when fired, form ornamental trays. The pottery work is usually done in the different cottages by the workers, as the wet pots, or anything in the exact state for ornamentation, might not be ready at class time, owing to weather or many other causes. Still, the classes for modelling are very popular, and doing well. Classes may be held at the clergyman's house, in the parish room, the school, or at any available place, according to arrangement and circumstances."—*Queen*.

### "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.

### CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

\* \* We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by Correspondents. Brevity and conciseness will have first consideration. See Notices.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I have been surprised that none of your numerous correspondents have answered, or at least touched upon, the very interesting subject, concerning which Miss Wilson wrote lately to you, *i.e.*, the Registration of Midwives. It is a subject of such vital importance to all women, that I hope when you discuss the matter as you promised, that you will use the influence of your valuable paper to awaken public interest on behalf of the scheme which Miss Wilson has so much at heart. A COUNTRY MATRON.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As you indicated in your issue of the 20th ultimo, your intention to discuss the subject brought on the tapis by Miss Wilson's letter, I think you will find that all Trained Nurses—especially Monthly Nurses—are in sympathy with her concerning the urgent need for Registration of Midwives; but as Nurses do not claim to be "practitioners to a certain extent of a branch of surgery and medicine," they see no reason for comparison between Midwives and Nurses upon the question of Registration. Let each profession judge for itself, and urge its own claims. Because Registration of Midwives is recognised by all thinking women as a most important measure, that is no reason *against* the Registration of Nurses, as Miss Wilson's letter would seem to imply.—Yours faithfully, EXPERIENCE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Would any of your correspondents give particulars as to the places where Dispensing can be learnt by Nurses, the time required for doing so, and the expense? It is a valuable branch of training for all those who work in Cottage Hospitals, or as District and Parochial Nurses; but at present the best known Nursing Schools do not include it in their curriculum,

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