

and Clemency Newcome, in stage adaptations of Mr. Dickens' novels, "Nicholas Nickleby," "The Cricket on the Hearth," and "The Battle of Life."

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ABOUT four years ago a small charity was unostentatiously and quietly inaugurated by a few ladies at the East-end of London, in the shape of a Home, where the wives of the very poor could be taken in, tended, and nursed during their confinement. Cleanliness, quiet, good food, and medicine are here attainable, and simple as this list may seem, its items comprise what very few, if any, among these poor women can obtain in their own poverty-stricken and over-crowded homes. The charity is an unpretentious one, and has therefore done its work almost unrecognised, except by those whom it benefits. By the women of Shadwell it is well known, three hundred and twenty-seven having been nursed during the four years, with excellent results, not only to their health and that of their infants, but in imparting to them a love of order and cleanliness, of which the majority seemed destitute when first received. It is the only Hospital of the kind for the wives of working men in the whole East-end of London, with its population of over two millions. Inadequate as it is to the needs of the poor, it is feared that the Home will have to be closed for lack of funds. This is a case for the women of London to take up, and thereby show their sympathy with their less fortunate sisters. Could this Home but be rendered prosperous and well-to-do, others might be established, and prove a boon to the hard-working wives of the East-end costermongers and others whose living is precarious. The Home in Shadwell is not in debt, having adopted the meritorious principle of paying ready money for everything. Anyone willing to help can send contributions to the Lady Superintendent of the Mothers' Home, Juniper Street, Glamis Road, Shadwell. A charitable institution that is not in debt ought to be encouraged, if only for having established an excellent precedent.

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THE Westminster Needle Society, which under the presidency of Mrs. Langston met twice a week last winter, in Westminster Town Hall, to make clothes for poor people, will again commence their bi-weekly meetings, and they are in need of workers and funds.

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M^{LE}. D'HAUSSONVILLE, the grand-daughter of Mme. de Staël, the daughter of one academician and sister of another, has, with the assistance of other charitable persons, taken a house with the object of providing a refuge for the Sisters of

Mercy about to be turned out of the St. Louis Hospital and the *Hotel Dieu*. This house is situated in the Rue des Plantes, at Montrouge. The resources at her disposal being insufficient, she appeals to those who sympathise with her to relieve the exiled Sisters of Mercy, and doubtless in Catholic France the appeal will be amply responded to, the gentle Sisters being greatly beloved by the sick and poor and respected by the rich.



"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

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