

'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, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

FRESH PAGES.

BEING OUR MONTHLY CHAT ABOUT BOOKS, &C., RECEIVED FOR REVIEW.

THE particular season of the year has brought us an unusually large number of books requiring and deserving notice, apart from the fact that we have besides a quantity which, owing to the pressure upon our space of late, we have not been able even to acknowledge the receipt of, and therefore we trust that our publishing friends will pardon us for the delay which has occurred.

Perhaps the most useful work we have received is that entitled the "Art of Dispensing." It consists of about three hundred pages of excellent practical matter, and treats the subject in a thoroughly business-like fashion. We are often asked through these columns for information upon dispensing, and although the book is evidently intended for Pharmacists, Medical Practitioners, and Students, yet it supplies a vast amount of information, expressly suited for those of the Nursing world, situated in small institutions, who have to do the dispensing required for the patients. Pages 1 to 7 should in particular be thoroughly digested, for they contain everything that plain language and common sense can possibly suggest. The remaining pages should also be carefully studied, as they are full of everything necessary. It is with great pleasure that we place the book upon our shelves as a permanent reference, a mentor and guide, and we thank, as many others will thank, if they have not already done so, the author, Mr. P. MacEwan, F.C.S., for a bright idea capitably carried out.

"Sketches of Hospital Life," by Honor Morten, is a charming little booklet, of about fourscore pages, embracing half-a-dozen of the most interesting little sketches possible. "The Children's Favourite," No. 6, being about the best bit of pretty and pathetic word-painting we have come across for a long time. "Mr. Lolo" is a bright manly character, excessively well portrayed. We have the fates to thank that there are still plenty of a like kind who are the salt of the particular world they are connected with. We shall strive hard to obtain the permission of the publishers to re-issue several of these stories through the columns of the *Record*. Miss Morten should certainly give us another book on like lines.

"Food and its Preparation" is a course of twenty lectures, delivered to upwards of five hundred girls from elementary schools, by Mrs. W. T. Greenup, and we are pleased to note that the work is in its third edition; we hope to be able shortly to say the thirtieth. "The objects of the lecturer was to supply a fair amount of information on food generally, to show its important relations to the body, and by practical demonstration, to show the best way of cooking it," says Mrs. Greenup, and these objects we need hardly say have been fully achieved.

Miss Homersham's little book on "Home Nursing," unpretentious and sensible, contains in about sixty pages a vast amount of useful and perfectly intelligible information.

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