

"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.

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

ON the 22nd ult. the annual general meeting was held of the supporters of the Jenny Lind Infirmary for Sick Children, Norwich. The Mayor presided. The annual report—the thirty-third—referred to the increased work which had been performed during the year: 1,537 patients were treated, an increase of 185 on the previous year. The financial statement showed that while the expenditure was £1,055, the receipts had enabled the committee to add £270 to the endowment fund as the net gain on the year.

EARL AMHERST, the president, occupied the chair at the annual general meeting of the governors of the West Kent Hospital, held on the 21st ult. The total number of in and out-patients attending during the year was 4,150. The memorial of the late Mr. John Hollingworth, one of the vice-presidents, and a very old member of the committee, having been proposed, a subscription list was opened by the Mayor of Maidstone, and contributions to the amount of £1,360 4s. 3d. were received. The subscribers determined to appropriate this sum to the Hollingworth buildings, now in course of erection in the grounds of the Hospital, which will provide the additional accommodation required by the increasing demands upon the Institution. The receipts amounted to £4,238 17s. 2d., and the expenditure to £4,225 1s. 7d.

THE annual report for 1888 of the Children's Hospital, Pendlebury, shows an increase of 212 in the number of patients treated in the Dispensary, Gartside-street, Manchester, 1,344 patients having been treated in the Hospital during the past year. The report of the Medical Board again dwelt upon the large mortality of children of not more than six months of age (33 per cent. of the deaths being of this class), and of the abuse of burial societies in connection with this mortality. The total income had been £7,472 14s. 7d. Structural repairs had caused an outlay of about £600. The amount due to the Board on the current account had been increased by £54 18s. 9d., and a sum of £929 was owing to the bankers.

THE Queen of Sweden's new Home for Sick Nurses—the Sofia Home—now approaches completion. The King and Queen have together contributed 160,000 kroner. As soon as the Hospital is completed, their Majesties will hand it over to the Board for the Home for Sick Nurses as a present in perpetuity.

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