

reasons women could not rise here to appointments on the staff, and, therefore, the experience gained by Hospital practice was denied them unless they had a Hospital of their own. If, therefore, the appeal for proper qualified medical women for India was to be responded to, it was absolutely necessary they should gain the experience and self-reliance necessary to qualify them for independent practice whilst the assistance of their seniors was still available. The lease of the present premises in Marylebone having expired, the committee had acquired a good site in the Euston Road, and had signed a contract for a building, which they hope will be, in all important respects, a model Hospital. In preparing the plans they have had valuable assistance from Miss Florence Nightingale and Sir Douglas Galton. The site and building will cost £20,000; over £11,000 had already been contributed through friends, and they must look to the general public to make up the rest. She proposed a system of collecting cards, from £20 to £1, the £20 collectors organising the collection of the smaller sums. Collectors of £20 would be made Governors for five years, and might present a purse containing the same to the Princess of Wales, who had graciously consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new building. The meeting was well attended, and Mrs. Anderson's appeal responded to by thirteen ladies, who took £20 cards; one for £10 and one for £5 were also taken, as well as one or two guinea subscriptions promised.

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By the kindness of Sir Whittaker and Lady Ellis a drawing-room meeting, in connection with the London Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, was held at Buccleuch House, Richmond, on the 14th ult., when amongst those present were Princess Mary Adelaide Duchess of Teck, Princess Victoria, and the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The Rev. Thomas Turner, Vicar of St. Saviour's, Fitzroy Square, spoke of the formation of the Society, and referred to the help which had been given by the Baroness Burdett-Coutts. The Rev. E. M. Anderson, the Secretary, gave an interesting address, explaining the objects of the Society, and the Rev. Prebendary Barnes proposed the following resolution: "That this meeting approves the extension of the Society's work by the formation of an aid committee beyond London and our larger cities, and pledges itself to aid and extend the operations of the Society." This was seconded by the Rev. T. Turner, and carried unanimously. The last-named speaker mentioned that in ninety-six per cent. of the summonses taken out by the Society convictions had been obtained.

"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.

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