

POOR Mr. Balfour! Has he had time to read the numerous resolutions "passed unanimously" by the members of the Women's Liberal Associations in many of the centres? If he has, he will observe that in the political arena the ladies of Liberal tendencies have been quick to follow in the footsteps of their much admired Irish patriots and martyrs, as their language is anything but Parliamentary. From the Brixton Liberal Club we read: "That this meeting emphatically condemns the Balfourian brutality to Irishmen as cowardly, un-English, and useless for any purpose but the exasperation of the suffering Irish people." "That this meeting demands the instant dismissal of Secretary Balfour, or, preferably, the dissolution of Parliament, in order to afford the nation an opportunity of substituting statesmanship for brutality in the government of the Irish people." For elegance of expression, however, Rochdale is determined not to be outdone. The committee have passed the following resolution: "That we, the committee of the Rochdale Women's Liberal Association, heartily sympathise with Mr. O'Brien in his sufferings on behalf of his country; and strongly condemn the cruel and tyrannical treatment that is being meted out to him and other political prisoners; and hope the time is not far distant when the country will have the opportunity of hurling from power this cowardly and accursed Government"; and as for Miss Bertha Mason, the Hon. Sec. of the Ashton-under-Lyne branch, in a letter addressed to the *Women's Gazette*, she suggests "that a petition, signed by the women of England, be presented to Her Majesty the Queen, praying for the immediate dismissal of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and for the dissolution of Parliament"! *

LADY Doctors have usually an uphill struggle, but in Siberia it is most difficult to obtain a footing, as prejudice is strong against them, and their mode of buying a practice is singular. Instead of paying a retiring practitioner a round sum for the goodwill of his practice, they have to buy from patients the privilege of attending them in their ailments. The Doctors pay, and the patients receive, the fee; so that, like the "Hospital bird," to be found amongst the most degraded of our poor, doubtless, the "professional invalid" is to be found in Siberia and Turkestan. It is stated that, at the Hospital of Crask, every woman who becomes a patient is paid three roubles. This retaining fee is necessary, because the Hospital is staffed by lady Doctors.

EVERY situation in life has its comforts for those who choose to enjoy them.

"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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