

"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.

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

LADY SANDHURST was the only woman present at a dinner given on the 30th ult., under the auspices of the London Municipal Reform League.

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MISS GORDON has presented the whole of the late General Gordon's library to the Southampton Free Library, together with a portrait of the hero of Khartoum.

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MDLLE CATTANI, a gifted Italian lady, who has made medicine her study, is about to be named *privat docent* in general pathology of the University of Turin.

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A DRAWING-ROOM meeting was held on the 8th inst. at 37, Wimpole Street, by the kind permission of Mrs. Jeune, in aid of the New Hospital for Women now being built in the Euston Road, and which will be a most important element in the medical education of women. Mrs. Garrett-Anderson made a long and able speech, in which she traced the history of the medical women's movement from its birth thirty years ago, when, encouraged by Miss Emily Davis, she first began to study medicine. The difficulties encountered by Mrs. Garrett-Anderson, and the perseverance and indomitable courage she displayed in overcoming them, are now well known. Anyway, what is wanted is a sum of £8,000 to complete the building of the New Hospital, and an increased number of subscribers to keep it up when built.

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THE Society of Medallists has awarded its second prize of £10 to Mrs. Vereker Hamilton for a medal bearing on the obverse a portrait of Captain J. Monteith Hamilton, and on the reverse a huntsman carrying stag's head in a basket. The medal and a selection of others included in the competition will be exhibited by permission of the directors at the New Gallery, Regent Street, during the summer exhibition.

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MR. JOHN TALBOT, M.P. for Oxford University, presided over a meeting held on the 4th inst., at Lady Wentworth's, to discuss the question of returning women as Poor-law Guardians. Among those present were Mrs. Westlake, Lady Monkswell, Mrs. Haweis, Miss Augusta Spottiswoode (member of the Guildford Poor-law Board), Miss Caroline Bigg, Mrs. Leonard Courtney, and the two lady candidates for the Chelsea Guardians' election, Mrs. Glover and Mrs. McCullum. Miss Caroline Bigg (Secretary to the Association for

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