

## "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.

THE Queen has given a donation of fifty guineas to the Royal Maternity Charity in Finsbury Square, of which Her Majesty is patron.

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THE Princess of Wales has consented to present medals to a number of firemen who have distinguished themselves in the discharge of their duties.

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PRINCESS CHRISTIAN laid the memorial stone of the new Church of St. Thomas, Kensal Green, on the 15th inst. The church is to cost £6,000. All but £900 has been obtained.

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THE 16th inst. was quite a ladies' day at the London University. Miss Helen Webb took her M.B. degree with honours, and Mrs. Scharlieb her M.D. diploma amid prolonged plaudits. Henceforth it will be no longer necessary for English women to repair to the Continent or to New York to take their Medical degrees.

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THE opening of the Exchange and Sale Show Rooms, which took place at 14, Brook Street, on the 16th inst., marks a new departure in the various business employments which have been taken up latterly by ladies. The idea originated with Miss F. H. Muller, and the practical management has been undertaken by Mrs. Cooper-Oakley (Madame Isabel), who has been so successful with the Dorothy Restaurant. Barter of any sort has a great fascination for most people, and the possibility of getting rid of what one does not want, and becoming possessed of something that one really desires, will probably draw many people to the spacious rooms, which have no resemblance to those dingy habitations that have been hitherto the only places where sale or exchange could be effected, or second-hand articles purchased. The class of things received on show are designs of art and other furniture, pictures, silver and plated goods, jewellery, dresses (in good condition only), wearing apparel generally, pianos and musical instruments, china and glass, books, music, &c., fancy articles, preserves (home-made only), cakes and confectionery (ditto), needlework (ditto).

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THE *Queen* says: "The knowledge of the subject of food and diet has been supposed to come by nature to everyone, and much mischief has often been unwittingly done in the arbitrary feeding of invalids and convalescents. A little reflection would show that it is possible one man's meat may be another man's poison, and that it is worth

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