

THE same day the Liverpool Convalescent Institution held its annual meeting at Woolton, the Mayor of Liverpool presiding. During the past year one hundred more patients were received than in any previous year, the terms being reduced from ten shillings to seven shillings and sixpence per week. We are sorry, however, to note that this reduction seriously affected the finances, for over two hundred and eighty-five pounds was reported to be due to the bank. The total number of patients received was one thousand one hundred and thirty-three. The efficient services of the Lady Superintendent, Miss Smith, and the Staff generally, were alluded to, and the visitors afterwards spent some time in strolling through the pleasant grounds.

THE Liverpool Hospital Sunday Fund shows three thousand one hundred and ninety-four pounds, eighteen shillings and seven pence, as the result of its appeal this year; the largest collection hitherto obtained in that city.

THE Norfolk and Norwich Staff of Hospital Trained Nurses has to regret a falling off in its subscriptions and donations, to the extent of sixty-seven pounds for the past year. Surely, for the credit of the town, this deficit will not be allowed to remain to hamper the very excellent work carried on there.

A CONVALESCENT HOME FOR NURSES.—We are glad to be able to record the fact that a Home for the use of those of the Nursing profession who may require rest from their arduous labours has been established, under efficient management and superintendence, at 3, St. George's Terrace, Herne Bay, and which we venture to think will be highly appreciated by those Nurses who seek a few days' quiet at thoroughly reasonable rates. The House faces the sea and the pier, is close to the reading room and all places of resort, omnibuses from the station pass the door, and the whole is under the charge of two Trained Lady Nurses, who guarantee every comfort. Terms can be obtained on application to Miss Berryman, by enclosing stamped envelope, to address as above. Captain Verney, R.N., Sir Edward Hamley, M.P., and others, bear reference to the efficiency of the superintendence, and we are heartily pleased to be able to give our small word of testimony to the general excellence of the Institution.

SELF-LOVE is in our human nature, and to love only self is to care only for self.—PASCAL.

"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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