

THE Derby and Derbyshire Nursing and Sanitary Association has the following record of a year of really good and much-appreciated work. The hon. secretary (Dr. Ogle) stated that during the past year the Institution had supplied Nurses to four hundred and nineteen private families, representing six hundred and fifty-one weeks of nursing. No less than one thousand seven hundred and fifty dinners had been given, and nine hundred and twenty pints of beef-tea, fourteen pints of jelly, and a hundred and sixty eggs. Air pillows, bed rests, and other sickroom appliances had been lent to four hundred and fifty persons, and bath chairs to a hundred and sixty. The District Nurses had paid seven thousand five hundred and eighty-three visits, and casually attended one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three patients. For this work they received £197 14s. 3d., and spent £479 13s. 3d. The financial statement and balance-sheet, read by Mr. Buchanan, showed that the Association was in a fairly good condition. The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, and said he hoped that very soon the committee would be able to pay back the sum drawn from the deposit account. He alluded to the valuable work carried on by the Association. We notice an apparent omission—we hope it was really not so—on the part of those attending the meeting, to propose a vote of thanks to the many hard-working and well-deserving ladies, the Nurses, who have done so much towards the success of the Institution.

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THE popular Duchess of Teck last Friday opened the Epsom Jubilee Cottage Hospital, which accommodates fourteen patients, and promises to be a very useful adjunct to the town.

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THE Carrickfergus Nursing Society for Sick Poor is in the proud position of being able to announce that, "As it was found that there was not enough sickness among the poor of the town to occupy the time of a regularly-trained Nurse, the services of Miss Cruden, who was engaged for the purpose, have been dispensed with. The balance remaining undisposed of amounted to £25 14s. 8d., out of which the Nurse was paid £3 15s., equal to one month's salary, as compensation for the loss of her appointment owing to the Committee's decision. The residue of the fund will be applied in providing the sick poor with such aid and attendance as the Committee may from time to time find to be necessary." Happy Carrickfergus!

CONFIDENCE is the secret of strength.—MONOD.

## "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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