

is already in a fair way to succeed. A company has been started with a capital of £50,000, and a block of buildings, which will contain single rooms, and small suites, will shortly be erected. There has been some discussion concerning that modern nuisance, pianoforte practising, but the difficulty has been overcome by deciding to have a general music room; pianos are not to be allowed elsewhere in the house. It is good news for many hard-working ladies that the rent of the rooms will place them within reach of those with small means.

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A PRETTY story is told in *Science and Art* of the invention of the stocking-loom:—"W. Lee was a gay young student at Oxford, who saw among the Greek letters of his Iliad only the bright eyes of the innkeeper's daughter, and heard in the professors' tones but the click of her swift-knitting needles. In despair he threw away his books, hurried to his lady-love, and with her to the parson's. When the Oxford dons heard of the proceedings at the rectory, they decided in grave council that this crime of marriage must be made an example of, and accordingly the young man was expelled. Disgraced and dishonoured, he and Peggy were cast out into the world, with only four knitting-needles to look to, for bread. But Peggy went merrily to work, her eyes growing bright, her fingers flying faster, while her enamoured husband sat before her, in helpless inefficiency, watching the gleaming needles as if entranced. "Eureka!" he exclaimed one day. "Who?" Peggy looked up anxiously; she had never been even to a grammar school. "I can do it, Peggy, better than you," he answered, with a manly sense of his superiority. He got some wires, and went to work, while Peggy watched; and soon her shining needles gave way to the stocking-loom, which revolutionised the whole industry."

THE "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, etc., will be duly acknowledged.

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(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—The discussion in your columns concerning Hospital house-keeping, &c., has interested me greatly, and the practical paper contributed by Miss Alice Dannatt, will doubtless be a great help to those ladies

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