

WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

THE Queen has subscribed £50 towards the cost of the Hospital ship named "Queen Victoria," in connection with the Mission to the Deep-Sea Fishermen. This ship was lately launched at Great Yarmouth, and will be fitted up as a Hospital for the treatment of accident and illness among fishermen of the North Sea.

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THE Princess Christian will open a bazaar at the Holloway Hall on Thursday, November 8, in aid of the funds of the Mission House, now being built in Queensland Road, Holloway, in connection with St. Barnabas' Church.

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MISS CLARA BARTON, as President of the American Association of the Red Cross, has given £200 to the yellow fever sufferers, and, as she has been appealed to by the Jacksonville Board of Health to establish a head-quarters there, she has given the necessary orders to the organisation throughout the country to come to the aid of the stricken city.

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MISS JANE E. HARRISON is about to deliver a course of five lectures on the "Cults and Monuments of Ancient Athens," with special reference to recent excavations, in the Lecture Theatre of the South Kensington Museum. The course will begin on Friday, November 2, at 5.15 p.m., and will be continued on the four following Fridays. The lectures will be accompanied by illustrations and photographs. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Wilson, hon. sec., 45, Colville Gardens, W.

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IN these days, when it is the fashion—and a humane one—to look after the toilers of the community, the *Hospital Gazette* says, there is no movement that is more deserving of sympathy than that of early closing. The shop assistants, often anæmic young men and delicate-looking girls, are kept at their harassing duties for many hours daily. During the hours of business the strain of muscular exertion is almost constant, serving customers, arranging goods, or putting the house in order in some way or another. Woe, indeed, if the shopwalker happens to catch them in the *dolce farniente*. Then one has to add to long hours the journey to and from home, shops often badly ventilated, and insufficient time for meals—sometimes reduced to a few minutes when the assistant has to go to a restaurant. White slavery will continue to exist as long as shop assistants are compelled to submit to the regulations which at present obtain in most town establishments.

"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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