

2.—The points for competition are workmanship and general effect, not the quality of the doll.

3.—After the prizes have been awarded, the dolls will be sold for the benefit of the Hospital. The prize dolls will be returned to their owners after the second day of the Exhibition.

4.—Those who desire to exhibit without competing, and who wish their dolls returned to them, must state the same when sending their entrance fee.

5.—Competitors for the special prize for dolls dressed by children must state age when sending entrance fee.

6.—All dolls to be sent in not later than November 4th, and to be plainly labelled with the name of the competitor.

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I HEAR that Miss Homersham, whose interesting articles upon private Nurses are now appearing in these pages, is about to give a course of lectures upon Sick Nursing, at Moray Lodge, Campden Hill, by the kind permission of Mrs. Arthur Lewis, who is so well known in the artistic and dramatic world. I am told that they are to be delivered under the auspices of the National Health Society, and will take place each Wednesday, at five p.m., from November 7th to December 12th, both inclusive. Each lecture, it is stated, will last about an hour, and at its conclusion every opportunity will be afforded for asking questions and examining and practising the use of the various articles used in the demonstration, and at the termination of the course an examination will be held, and a certificate of the National Health Society awarded to successful candidates.

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It is reported that many of the best-known members of the dramatic profession are going to attend these lectures, and these facts are deeply interesting, as proving how public interest in Nursing matters is increasing and extending. I hope Miss Margery Homersham will take the opportunity of explaining to her distinguished audience the importance to the public of a system of Legal Registration for Nurses, and of the action the British Nurses' Association are taking in the matter.

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I MUST call attention to the case of Mrs. Duyck. Mr. Editor is going to publish, I believe, this week, some most kind letters sent by our readers explaining their action upon her behalf. The election takes place on Nov. 8, and I hope all our readers who have been kind enough to obtain votes for this sad case, will forward them to the Secretary by post at once. We have found that most subscribers have promised their votes for this election, but we have obtained a number of good promises for the future. Once more I express my conviction that if Nurses will only unite, and each use a little energy, and take a little trouble, to help a fellow-worker in distress, their candidate will be quickly successful. S. G.

## "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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