

volumes, are now on order, and when completed will be placed in the Board Room at the offices, though it is hoped the number of books contributed by all interested in a scheme which should prove a source both of profit and pleasure to the Nurses, will soon be in excess of this limited accommodation. H.R.H. the President has yet again evinced her heartfelt desire to benefit the Association of which Her Royal Highness is the beloved and respected head, by, in the first place, contributing forty volumes of biography, history, travel and fiction to the Library, and in the next, signing no less than fifty letters to the principal firms of publishers, requesting a small grant of books towards the furtherance of this project. Prompt and generous response to Her Royal Highness's invitation resulted from this appeal, Messrs. Bentley heading the list with a splendid gift of 100 volumes, and other most desirable contributions of books on all subjects and suited to all minds being received from Messrs. Chatto and Windus, Smith Elder, Methuen, Blackwood, &c., &c. Various medical members have promised contributions of works of fiction or of a technical nature, and if all members would but enlist the interest of their friends, and obtain small donations, either of suitable books, or in money, to be sent to, and expended by the Library Sub-Committee, a really useful and valuable Library would be rapidly developed. All books are, by direction of the Executive Committee, to be submitted to the Library Sub-Committee before introduction to the Library. Every effort has been made to draw up Rules on such liberal lines that conformity with their regulations shall offer no ground for friction or annoyance.

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As a medium of education and recreation, access to the best thoughts of great writers is a never-ceasing delight, and we feel sure that the members of our Association will greatly appreciate the formation of a first class library in connection with their club. We hope they will show a practical interest in the scheme by each contributing a volume to its list. By this co-operative means we should speedily fill our available space.

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THE Hucknall and District Nursing Association which was formed at the instigation of the County Council Health Lectures Local Ladies' Committee, has just completed its first year of existence. The society received valuable help at its formation from Lady Belper, and its first year's record has exceeded the most sanguine expectations of its promoters.

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THE Association for nursing the sick-poor in Portsmouth knows neither sect nor party, the only qualifications for its assistance being poverty and sickness. A message sent to the Home at any time, ensures the attendance of a Nurse, who carries out the doctor's orders skilfully, silently, and regularly, and no one knows but those connected with the patient.

"Surely," writes Admiral Fane in an appeal for funds, "some who have benefited by skilful nursing can sympathise with those who are suffering, but are unable to afford such help, and who would die from sheer ignorance and want of attention to simple details of proper nursing."

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A HORRIBLE case of neglect of a woman in a dying condition who had been the victim of violence has occurred in Belfast, and it is hoped that prompt steps will be taken to prevent such treatment being possible in the future. The woman was found lying in a field on the Shore Road; being thought to be the worse for drink she was taken to the police-office where she was kept for eleven hours in the cells and was then seen by one of the police surgeons who sent her on an outside car to the Union Infirmary. She was at this time very weak and almost senseless, and died on the evening of the day she was removed to the Infirmary.

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The case has aroused considerable indignation and there has been a good deal of comment on such treatment of a woman who had already suffered from the most terrible and painful violence possible. The coroner at the inquest expressed his views very plainly and the jury strongly recommended to the responsible authorities: (1) That a female attendant should be placed in the police cells. (2) That a proper room should be provided for prisoners in a sick and weak condition. (3) That the cells should be properly constructed. (4) That means should be provided for conveying sick prisoners to the Hospital other than by an outside car.

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It is to be hoped that England will soon set the example to Ireland, of reform in the police-cell system, and that we shall before long have on duty in all such cells police Matrons with a knowledge of how to care for the sick, how to make them comfortable, and how to administer relief in emergencies.

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REFORM in the condition of things prevailing in the Irish Infirmarys is also urgently called for. Each week attention is being called to the disorganized state of affairs in many of the Infirmarys of our Irish neighbours. It certainly is not want of kindness on the part of the Irish that leads to the primitive conditions under which sick in their Infirmarys are nursed. The Irish, as a nation, are full of sympathy and tenderness for suffering. The root of the whole trouble lies in the want of knowledge of Poor Law administration; the want of money too is one

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