

At the annual meeting of the Ventnor Consumption Hospital, the report, which was adopted, showed that the total receipts were £8,913, and the expenses £9,280, the number of in-patients having increased from 666 to 735. An analysis of the occupations of the patients showed that 77 per cent. were engaged in in-door pursuits, showing that the impurities of vitiated atmosphere in dwellings and places of business were among the principal causes of consumption. A sum of £3,000 is required for purposes connected with the Hospital.

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THE SANITARY INSTITUTE, Parkes Museum, 74a, Margaret Street.—Lectures and Demonstrations, Tuesdays and Fridays, at 8 p.m.—March 5, Introductory lecture: General History, Principles and Methods of Hygiene, by Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson, LL.D., F.R.S.; March 12, Water Supply, Drinking Water, Pollution of Water, by Dr. Louis Parkes, Diploma Public Health, London; March 15, Ventilation, Measurement of Cubic Space, &c., by Sir Douglas Galton, K.C.B., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S.; March 19, Drainage and Construction, by Prof. H. Robinson, M.Inst. C.E.; March 22, Scavenging, Disposal of Refuse and Sewage, by Mr. H. Percy Boulnois, M.Inst. C.E.; March 26, Sanitary Appliances, by Prof. W. H. Corfield, M.A., M.D. (Oxon); March 29, Food (including Milk), Sale of Food and Drugs Act, by Mr. Charles E. Cassal, F.C.S., F.I.C.; April 2, Infectious Diseases and Methods of Disinfection, by Mr. Shirley F. Murphy, M.R.C.S.; April 5, General Powers and Duties of Inspectors of Nuisances—Method of Inspection, by Mr. J. F. J. Sykes, B.Sc., Diploma Public Health, M.B.; April 9, Nature of Nuisances, including Nuisances the abatement of which is difficult, by Mr. J. F. J. Sykes, B.Sc., Diploma Public Health, M.B.; April 12, Sanitary Law—General Enactments, Public Health Act, 1875, Model Bye-Laws, by Mr. A. Wynter Blyth, M.R.C.S.; April 16, Sanitary Laws and Regulations Governing the Metropolis, by Mr. A. Wynter Blyth, M.R.C.S. A fee of ten shillings and sixpence for the course will be charged to cover expenses, and students attending the course will be granted free admission to the museum and library during March and April. Students desirous of attending the lectures are requested to send in their names at once to the secretary of the Institute, 72a, Margaret Street, W.

THE path of duty is often rough and thorny at first; but, faithfully followed, it leads to the green and flowery pasture of glad heart service.

IDLENESS is the hot-bed of temptation, the cradle of disease, the waster of time, the canker-worm of felicity.

"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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