

THE entertainment at Grosvenor House, for the poor forlorn dogs at the Battersea Home, was a great success under the able management of Mrs. Jeune and Miss Lankester. A brilliant company thronged the large concert-room, and it is expected that a sum of £500 will be handed over to the Home, for the benefit of our four-footed friends.

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GRAND Lady Wolverton is anxious to make the last addition to that useful institution, the London Needlework Guild, as widely known as possible. She writes to the *Queen*: "We now admit male associates, who, by sending a contribution in money, help to provide clothes for men and boys. As it entails a little extra trouble on the president, I am willing to undertake a branch especially for men, and will gladly receive and use for the purpose above-mentioned any sums sent to me. Our plan is to buy material, and have it made by poor tailors and shirt makers into good useful clothing. We have of course comparatively few articles for men, though every year more shirts are sent in. Coats and trousers are very rare, and very much in request. Many men have joined already, but we cannot have too many, and every shilling helps.—Combe Wood, Kingston-on-Thames."

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MISS JANE COBDEN and Miss Cons have been elected to serve on the Housing of the Working Classes Committee of the London County Council. This is a step in the right direction, as the domestic arrangements necessary in a house where space is limited, are more apparent sometimes to a good housekeeper than to an experienced male architect—to judge from the glaring deficiencies in some of our recently constructed Hospitals, where women have had no voice in arranging the department over which they are the recognised superintendents.

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WOMEN are rapidly awakening to the knowledge of their political duties, and we have now three important and active associations being welded into working order by which women can express their views—the Conservative Primrose League; the Women's Liberal Unionists Association, amongst the members of which we find the names of the Duchess of St. Albans and Mrs. Leonard Courtney; and the Women's Liberal Association, led by Lady Sandhurst.

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THE Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava has received a second donation from the Clothworkers' Company of £50, towards the fund in support of the National Association for Supplying Female Medical Aid to the Women of India.

"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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