

HOSPITAL INTELLIGENCE.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS, ETC., COMMUNICATED AND COLLECTED.

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE.—On Thursday, Jan. 24, 1889, at five o'clock, a lecture will be delivered at the Parkes Museum, 74A, Margaret Street, Regent Street, W., by Dr. G. V. Poore, on "London, Ancient, and Modern, from a Sanitary Point of View."

THE Cardiff Ratepayers' Association has recently unanimously adopted a resolution to the effect that the present structure for infectious diseases is quite unsuitable for the purpose, and dangerous to the patients sent there, and calls the attention of the corporation to the urgent need of providing an improved building without delay for infectious diseases as a Sanatorium for the town.

AT the annual meeting of subscribers and supporters of the Holmesdale Cottage Hospital, Sevenoaks, Earl Stanhope, the President, in the chair, the report, which was of a very satisfactory character, was unanimously adopted. The accounts showed that the expenses had been £389 8s. 4d., and the receipts £550 11s. 7d., leaving a balance in hand of £161 3s. 3d. F. Le Gros Clark, Esq., F.R.S., Consulting Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital, was re-elected Consulting Surgeon to the Cottage Hospital.

THE annual meeting of the Eye Infirmary, Plymouth, was held on the 9th inst.; Mr. J. H. Eccles occupied the chair. The committee reported that the number of patients was slightly in excess of last year, and admissions into the House were increasing year by year. During 1888 there were 1,487 patients, 715 of whom had been cured, 440 discharged benefited, and 7 were incurable. The operations for cataract were 1,555.

FOR the sum of a little over £400, 2,665 free, and 2,791 halfpenny dinners, and 7,723 free porridge breakfasts were given to *insufficiently* fed children last year in South Lambeth, which district is a big, but ragged and poverty-stricken, city itself. All this was done with voluntary subscriptions, and the income of the Beaufoy Trust. £400 is about the amount of a "society" man's wine bill for a twelvemonth; it feeds easily, as will be seen, about 13,000 of some of the tenants of perhaps the most squalid part of London. With facts—gaunt, striking facts—like these staring us in our faces, there ought to be some empty wine bins somewhere next year.

"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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