

## "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.

## WOMEN AND THEIR WORK.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN, on Monday last, the 31st ultimo, recommenced her free dinners for poor children at the Windsor Guildhall. Her Royal Highness was assisted in her charitable labours by the Mayor and his wife, the Hon. Mrs. Stopford, Mrs. Darvill, Canon and Mrs. Gee, the Rev. Arthur Robins, Canon Applegath, Mrs. Gilbert Edwards, Miss Perry, Miss Bell, Miss Robins, the Misses Gee, and Miss Ellison. The meal was served upon tables arranged in a spacious apartment which is adorned with portraits of the Queen and the late Prince Consort. Every available seat was occupied by the children, 183 in number, who thoroughly enjoyed the soup, rice, and currant-pudding liberally supplied them by the Princess and her assistants. The graces "Be present at our table, Lord," and "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" were sung before and after the dinner.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN paid a visit to Ealing on the 20th, and distributed the prizes to the students at the Princess Helena College. In the course of the proceedings, she mentioned the fact that a ward educated at the College was now governess to the four little sons of the Emperor of Germany.

THE Kensington Jubilee Memorial is to take the form of a Statue of the Queen, and the task has been undertaken by the Princess Louise. A sketch model of the Statue has already been shown to the committee for the memorial and accepted. It represents the Queen as a young girl, at the time of her accession. The site chosen is the east front of Kensington Palace, looking over the Round Pond and the avenue of trees eastward.

MISS JANE COBDEN is one of the ladies who have come forward for a seat on the County Councils. She is standing for the Bow and Bromley division of the Tower Hamlets. In her address she particularly emphasises questions affecting the housing of the poor as first amongst those in which women ought not only to have a vote, but a voice. She pledges herself to use both vote and voice in "the furtherance of proposals that would secure purer and more cheerful conditions of home life than are now possible for the vast majority of the labouring classes of our great city." After the terrible revelations concerning the common lodging-houses and their shameful system, which have been of late ventilated in the daily press, this promise ought to secure her numberless votes in the East End.

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