

## "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.

I HAVE just been taking a jaunt through Ireland—eight days of it. I made one of a party of half-a-dozen, and very enjoyable the trip proved to be. We had lovely weather, excellent appetites, and no disasters. What could one wish for more?

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WE left London on the Thursday, at three o'clock in the afternoon, by the Clyde Steamship Company's boat, the "Toward," a capital vessel, clean, well-found, and a steady sailing concern; touched Southampton the next day for about three hours; Plymouth the following morning; spent the day there, and reached Waterford on Sunday night, just before dark, thoroughly invigorated by the few days on board.

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I KNOW of nothing prettier than the voyage up the Suir, upon which Waterford stands. It is as near like to the Marlow portion of the Thames intensified, if such a thing were possible, and is altogether too charming for description. I can only say, Go and see it as I did.

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I HAVE only two complaints to make regarding the whole trip. They are, first, the overcrowded state of the vessel; and I would venture to utter a mild protest against the state cabin being used both for beds and breakfasts. We had just about double the number of passengers on board we ought to have had, and the crowding was enough to provoke the spirit of a saint, and had it not been for the intense good humour of everybody on board, I believe considerable "ructions" would have occurred.

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THE second complaint is—and I am making both of them before I forget the incidents—that when we reached Dublin, we were charged for three cups of tea the sum of, if it please you, no less than four shillings and sixpence; which seemed to be about two hundred per cent. over and above our Langham Hotel prices, which I suppose are about as high as anywhere—but more of this anon.

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AFTER spending the Sunday evening in a walk round Waterford, and getting a good night's rest at one of the most comfortable and reasonable hotels I ever stayed at—*i.e.*, the "Imperial," kept by mine attentive hostesses, Mrs. Murray and her daughter, who spare no pains in looking after the comforts of my poor benighted countrymen and women—we the next morning drove over in a "kyar" to a perfect little paradise of a place called

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