

"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.

OUR INSTITUTIONS:

A RECORD OF THEIR OBJECTS AND WORK.

THE NORTHAMPTONSHIRE INSTITUTE FOR
TRAINED NURSES,
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THE Northamptonshire Institution for supplying Trained Nurses is one which deserves a larger degree of public favour and interest than has hitherto fallen to its share. The value of a Hospital Trained Nurse as an attendant in any serious case of accident or sudden emergency is plain. For skilful handling of a wound; the thoughtfulness of an expert comprehending at a glance any special points demanding care; the ability to receive technical instructions from a Doctor, who can confidently leave the patient till his next visit without fear that injudicious friends may in the interval render his work ineffectual—these things are now-a-days fairly appreciated and understood. But where the case is one rather of prevention than cure, the science of hygiene, or things which tend to health, is still very insufficiently known to those who have not made it a special subject of study. Consequently, the value of Hospital training in the "art of sick nursing" is apt to be disregarded. Care of an ordinary sick person is considered to be within the range of most untutored faculties; cleanliness, cheerful surroundings, fresh air, simple and suitable food, quietness as a means of healing, such things are still frequently scorned as worthy of attention only from the fastidious and the fanciful.

It is an enterprise worthy of English civilisation to combat the dogged indifference to healthy life, and the remorseless disregard of entailed suffering that exists on every hand in our crowded cities and villages. Lectures are given, articles in magazines are written and published, ambulance classes are held; much is already done to inform the public mind on these subjects, but certainly one of the most obvious methods, the most simple and the most sure, is the presence of the Trained Nurse herself in the home of the sick person. The confidence she will inspire during a mere half-hour's visit will give assurance that her suggestions are reasonable and useful. In future, her arrival will be looked for as sure to be productive of fresh arrangements for the relief and comfort of the sufferer, and, in many a poor district, her advice will be passed on to admiring neighbours, who may learn more common-sense, which they will make practical use of, in this simple fashion, than they would ever get at through books or lectures.

Northampton is happy in the possession of an Institution which, during the past twelve years, has

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