

hall. The sectional meetings and the general meetings will be held in the Guildhall. The addresses to the working classes will be given in the public hall. Hotel and lodging accommodation, and travelling arrangements will be determined by the local committee, and information relating to the same may be obtained from the honorary local secretaries, 5, Foregate Street, Worcester. The health exhibition, including sanitary apparatus and appliances, in connection with the congress, will be held in the skating rink and special additional buildings, arboretum, from Sept. 24 to Oct. 19.

DURING the past week, I have had an opportunity of personally visiting one of the three Hospitals provided by Mr. T. A. Walker, the contractor, for the reception of the sick and injured among the twelve thousand or so of workmen at present engaged on the Manchester ship canal.

THE particular Hospital I looked over is situate about three miles from Warrington, and is close to a quiet, charming little spot, called Thelwall, where everything is rural and everybody is kind, and has accommodation for twenty patients, the average number occupying it being about thirteen. It is wood built; and is fitted up in every way suitable for the purpose, the interior being very bright and attractive. There are well-arranged quarters for the Surgeon, the Matron, and the Nurse, who comprise the more responsible staff; and the whole is under the supervision of Dr. Byrne, who takes quite a pardonable pride in the somewhat unique kind of work, the "cases" being chiefly surgical ones, the result of accidents in and about the cuttings. Mr. Walker deserves every credit for the very handsome and efficacious manner in which he has provided for his men, who appear to gratefully acknowledge his thoughtfulness. I only wish space would permit me to say more about it now, but perhaps on a future occasion I may allude to it more fully.

THE JUNIOR HOUSE SURGEON.

How often do we sigh for opportunities of doing good, whilst we neglect the openings of Providence in little things, which would frequently lead to the accomplishment of most important usefulness. Dr. Johnson used to say, "He who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do any." Good is done by degrees. However small in proportion the benefit which follows *individual attempts* to do good, a great deal may thus be accomplished by perseverance even in the midst of discouragements and disappointments.—*Crabbe*.

"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. Dunsan's House, Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and all subscriptions, &c., will be duly acknowledged.

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