

be at once repaired and kept well disinfected. Fruit, unripe or overripe, should not be consumed, and cows' milk, which is at times dangerous, should always be scalded before being given to young children. Any person or persons found selling, lending, or exposing for sale any articles which have been subjected to contagious disease prior to having such properly purified, are liable to a heavy fine or imprisonment."

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"CHILD Torture and Child Murder" is the title of a very interesting paper written by the Hon. Mrs. Pereira on the subject of ill-treatment of children, in which she quotes eight cases that had been brought before the notice of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. This Society was established about five years ago, and Princess Christian is the President. The object Mrs. Pereira has had in view is that these pamphlets, by being widely distributed, should bring this matter to the knowledge of persons at present totally ignorant of the dreadful cruelty to which enormous numbers of little children are subjected. There is no doubt that amongst some of the poorer classes cruelty is thought of little account, and that hundreds of children pay the penalty with their lives. But a great deal might also be said about the cruelty practised (only in a lesser degree) on the children of rich and refined parents by brutal or negligent Nurses, for many of these Nurses come from the class that are habitually inhuman to their own offspring. It is common talk amongst numbers of servants the way that many Nurses ill-use and neglect ladies' children, sometimes giving them blows and shaking them violently, or by injudicious and unkind punishments, and also by administering to them pernicious and dangerous medicines which ought never to be allowed in any nursery. Ladies who take up the question of cruelty to poorer children will do well to look at home, and it is their duty to do so, and make quite sure that their own little ones have nothing to complain of on that score. How many mothers never think of entering their nurseries to see that the rooms are clean and well aired, and to make certain for themselves that their children are really happy and well treated, but are either quite indifferent about it, or take it upon trust that the Nurses do their duty conscientiously. The more these ladies care for their own children the larger will their hearts be for those little ones who are sometimes dependent only on the lowest and most depraved parents for their miserable existence.—*Queen.*

THE law of suffering is written everywhere.

"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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