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The British Home for Incurables.

APPEAL.

THE BRITISH HOME FOR INCURABLES was instituted in 1861, to assist in supplying an important and acknowledged want among the great Charities with which the Metropolis abounds. Until a recent date no Institution for the reception of the Incurable existed in England : whilst it has been clearly ascertained that the number of persons who annually die of incurable disease in the United Kingdom amounts to about two hundred thousand.

Among these there must necessarily be many who claim the strongest sympathy of the benevolent. There are those who are able to procure for themselves all the aid and all the alleviation of which their cases admit : but there are also very many who—with failing health and strength, and the slow and insidious approach of incurable disease, and its frequent accompaniment of racking pain—have gradually fallen from the comforts and enjoyments of affluence to the utmost destitution and want. No person can read the simple narrative of the distressing cases brought forward from time to time without feeling the deepest commiseration ; and it is to relieve this deep and crying misery that the aid of the charitable is now most earnestly solicited.

There are thousands among the Middle Classes who, having formerly lived in comfort and respectability, have been reduced by incurable disease to the most distressing poverty, and who are altogether deprived of the means of procuring Medical aid, and those necessaries which their suffering condition demands.

Such cases, when known, plead more eloquently in their behalf than any laboured address, and constitute of themselves the most touching appeal to our benevolence. Without hope—often without the power of performing the most ordinary offices for themselves—amidst days of wretchedness and nights of agonising pain, these sad sufferers are in truth a burden to their friends, who frequently are almost as helpless and poor as themselves.

The Home is intended for those who, once having been in a position of comfort, are now in necessitous circumstances, and so far incapacitated by incurable disease as to be unable to assist themselves, and are either bedridden or greatly dependent on others in the various offices of life.

For these the Institution provides the best Medical attendance, good nursing, and all the comforts of a *Home for Life*.

Annuities of £20 are conferred upon such as are incurable, but not wholly destitute, in order that they may continue to reside with friends or relatives, who may be able to render them some further assistance.

The Home is situated at Clapham Rise, in a very healthy locality, and has the advantage of being within easy distance of all parts of London by Omnibus, and by Railway from the Victoria, Ludgate Hill, and Metropolitan Railway Stations. The best Medical advice can thus be obtained with as little delay as possible; and this, in urgent cases, may be of the utmost importance. Its vicinity to the Metropolis affords facilities to the Patients' friends, and the subscribers generally, of visiting the Establishment; and the Board are enabled to exercise a constant personal supervision over the affairs of the Institution.

The Charity extends its benefits to all parts of the United Kingdom, and all who are deemed incurable, and are of the class for which it is designed, will be admitted (without distinction of sect), but not without hope, however, that



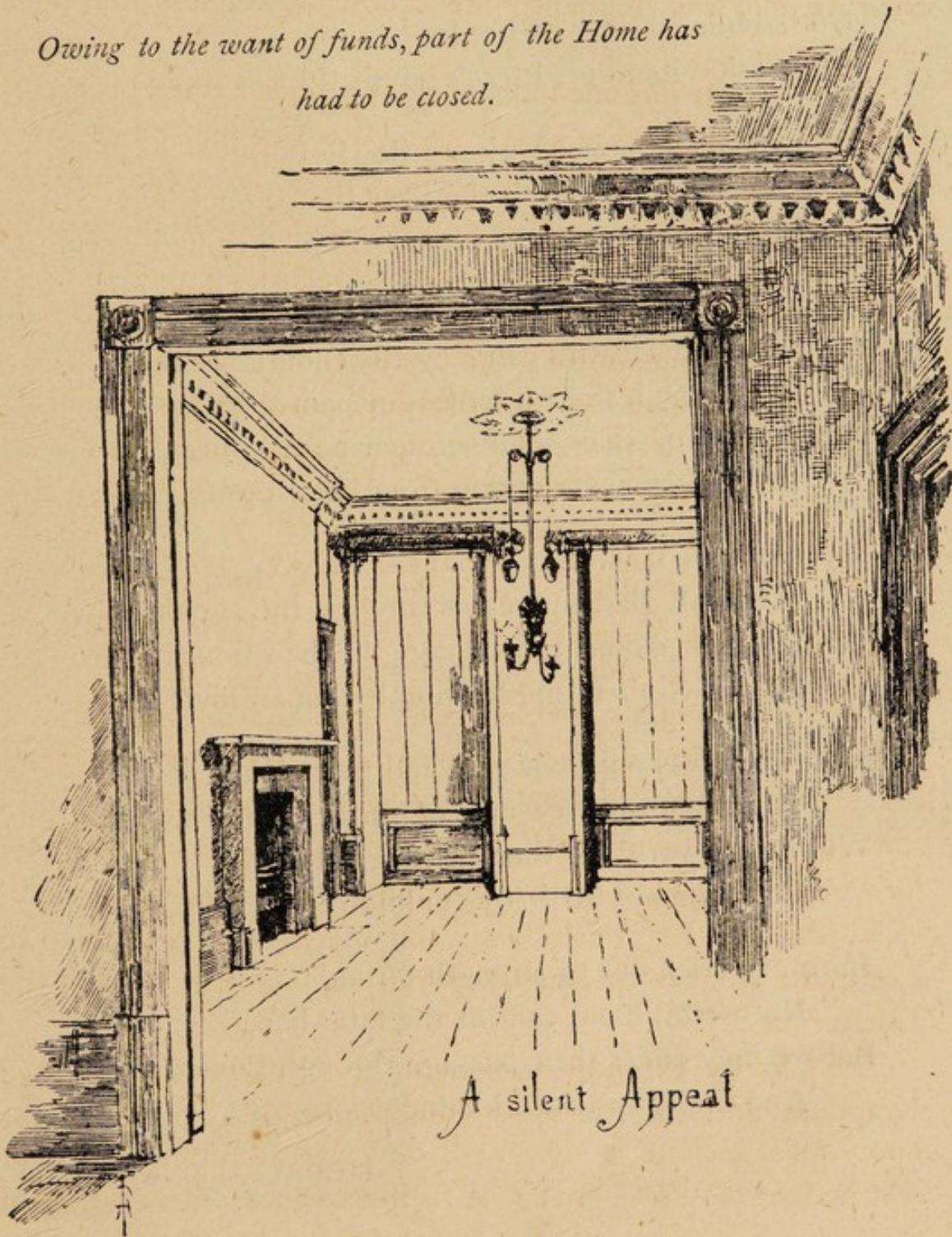
under the best Medical advice, some, by God's blessing, may be either wholly or partially relieved.

Every information will be gladly afforded on application to

ROBERT G. SALMOND, Secretary, at the

Offices—73, CHEAPSIDE, E.C.

Owing to the want of funds, part of the Home has had to be closed.



A silent Appeal

H E L P L E S S .

THROUGH flowerless fields and under sunless skies
 There runs a path from cradleland to grave,
 No babbling brook its border beautifies,
 Beside its ragged track gaunt thistles wave.

Adown this hopeless way are slowly borne
 By lingering Death the lives that do not live,
 Pale forms that once the bloom of strength had worn,
 With all the pleasures mirage-health could give.

No hand but Death's can stay their journey drear,
 As through the wilderness of pain they pass ;—
 But from grey skies shall summer ne'er appear,
 And roses never spring from barren grass ?

My brothers, it is we can plant the flowers,
 And call glad sunbeams through the clouds above ;
 With golden moments we may gild their hours,
 And give them life by simple human love.

These helpless ones our care and pity claim ;
 A grant from treasures of our heart and wealth
 Will buy a world for them whose feeble aim
 Oft points at little joys unknown to health.

Infirmity cries out to strength for aid ;
 No mortal hand can lift the fatal ban,
 But we may cheer their passage through the shade,
 And multiply man's kindnesses to man.

HORACE LENNARD.

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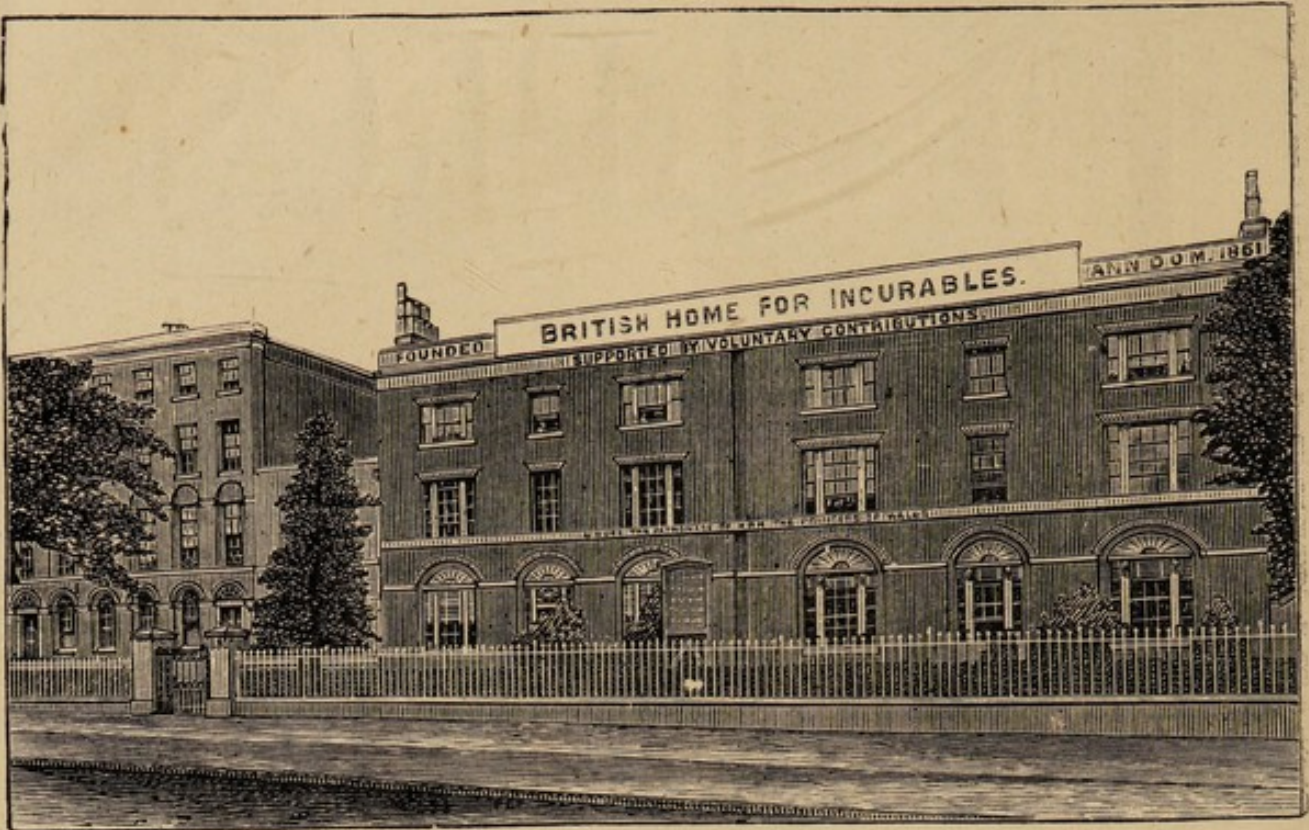
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