

THE "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 monthly 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 two 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? They will be gratefully received by the

Editor, *Nursing Record* Offices, St. Dunstan's House Fetter Lane, London, E.C., and will be acknowledged, amongst "Answers to Correspondents" the following Thursday.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

* * We do not hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed by Correspondents. Brevity and conciseness will have first consideration. See notices.

To the Editor of "*The Nursing Record*."

Sir,—There is an old proverb that "An ounce of help is worth a pound of pity," and I am glad to see in your last issue the suggestion made by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick that an occasion has arisen when Nurses can show real practical sympathy for one of their colleagues, who has lost so much, by replacing her watch. I have forwarded my mite to Mrs. Fenwick, although I do not belong to the British Nurses' Association, as I feel sure that the subscription of any Nurse, prompted by a desire to help, will be acceptable.—Yours truly,
PRIVATE NURSE.

To the Editor of "*The Nursing Record*."

Sir,—I see in your last number a letter from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, asking for subscriptions from members of the British Nurses' Association, to buy a new watch for the poor Nurse who has lost hers in the Wigmore Street fire. Are Nurses who are not members of the British Nurses' Association permitted to contribute? If they are, I shall be glad to help.—Yours truly,
A PROBATIONER.

[We feel sure that any Nurse who is kind enough to wish to help a colleague in distress, will have her subscription gratefully acknowledged by Mrs. Fenwick.—ED.]

To the Editor of "*The Nursing Record*."

Sir,—Although I am not a member of the Nursing profession, I am a constant reader of the *Nursing Record*, and feel greatly interested in the case of the poor Nurse, who has suffered so much from the Wigmore Street fire. Under the circumstances, do you think I might contribute to the fund opened by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, to replace the lost watch?—Yours, &c.,
A CONSTANT READER.

[We should advise you to write to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Dunningwell, Millom, Cumberland; but for our own part we think that, even as true sympathy knows no distinction of class, colour, or creed, so practical assistance in a case like this should not be lightly refused, from whatever quarter it may be proffered.—ED.]

To the Editor of "*The Nursing Record*."

Sir,—If Miss Bessie Haward has only a short experience of Nursing in a Lying-in Hospital, she will find that she will only be useful in the position of a Probationer in a general Hospital, and that "gaining an insight into Hospital and Infirmary Nursing" is

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