

**"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.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Notes, Queries, &c.)

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

\* \* *British Nurses' Association.*—We are requested to state that Miss Wood (Hon. Sec.) will be at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., every Wednesday, from 10.30 a.m. to noon, and at 7, St. George's Mansions, Red Lion Square, W.C., on each Friday until noon, to see Nurses or others who may wish to make inquiries; also that annual subscriptions are due on January 1, and that early payment of these will save much trouble to the Secretaries and much expense to the Association.

**THE ADVANTAGE OF ADVERTISING THROUGH "THE NURSING RECORD."**

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you kindly insert the enclosed advertisement in this week's "Nursing Record"? At the same time, I may inform you, that in answer to my former advertisement for a Sister (Male Ward), I had thirty applications, and selected Miss Acheson, trained at King's, afterwards Ward Sister at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, and for the last two years an Army Sister.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

F. HOPKINS, *Matron.*

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I should advise "Ignoramus" to read the excellent article in last week's *Queen*, by Mrs. Dr. Sharlieb, entitled, "How to Become a Lady Doctor." She will find in it all the information she requires.—Yours truly,

A LATE LADY SUPERINTENDENT.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—It was with great pleasure I read the very able article, "Some aspects of Nursing in the present day," by Miss Marion C. Pincoff.

I think those who take up Nursing as a profession, and not as a means of earning a livelihood, little know the injury they are doing their poorer sisters, who may be quite as capable in every respect, by taking posts in Hospitals.

For those really desirous of doing good, there are many good openings. I am living in a small but thickly populated town, composed entirely of artisans. I can hear on all sides the great need there is for parish Nurses. A Surgeon said to me only last week, "We could find work for three Nurses, but we are so poor we cannot afford one."—Yours very truly, A. E. W.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I shall be obliged if any of your experienced readers will advise me in the following. In the Hospital (upwards of two hundred beds) of which I am Matron, there is one Night Sister only, who is on permanent night duty. She has to superintend the meals of the Night Nurses, and her hours on duty are very long. I am anxious to make her work as light as possible, and shall be grateful for suggestions concerning the duties and hours on duty, which are found practicable in other institutions.—I remain, yours faithfully,

MATRON.

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