## OUR INSTITUTIONS; A record of their objects and work.

## THE HOME FOR CONFIRMED INVALIDS, 36, AUBERT PARK, HIGHBURY PARK, N.

Established 1842, by the late Mrs. James Foster, at Stamford Hill, for the reception of Chronic Invalids.

THIS Institution being partly supported by donations and subscriptions, and partly by the payments of the inmates, each one is to pay 10s. per week or upwards. Should a patient go to visit her friends, her payment will be reduced after the first week's absence, when half

the usual sum must be continued to the Institution, or her place will be considered vacant. Each donor of  $\pounds 5$  and upwards, and each subscriber of  $\pounds 1$  is annually, have the privilege of

scriber of  $\pounds_1$  Is. annually, have the privilege of recommending inmates; also two subscribers of ros. 6d. and four of 5s. 6d. annually, and if the subscriber who nominates an inmate discontinue her subscription, a fresh ticket of admission will be necessary for such patient, who will require to be readmitted on the recommendation of another subscriber; all subscriptions are considered due at midsummer and Christmas.

When application is made by a donor of  $\pounds$  100 for the admission of an inmate, such applicant, if suitable in all respects, is to stand for priority of admission before any other candidate, and, if possible, to be immediately admitted.

Each applicant to produce a testimonial from the donor or subscriber respecting her character, two competent guarantors that her payments shall be made quarterly or half-yearly in advance, that she will be supplied with suitable clothing, and also that she be removed, in case of death, in twelve hours, or should the Committee consider it necessary, in forty-eight hours. In the event of the decease of a guarantor, another to be appointed.

She is also herself to sign a paper, agreeing to abide by all the rules of "The Home," and if considered eligible in other respects, she will be received when there is a vacancy, and provided with everything she may need, except clothing, wine, and brandy, which must be guaranteed by the securities.

The admission of each patient will be on probation for three months, and before the expiration of that time she must apply to the Committee to be accepted as a permanent inmate. A month's notice, or a month's payment, is required from a patient on leaving; and in case of her removal or decease within the quarter that has been paid, part of the sum will be returned if desired,

No case of decided idiocy, epilepsy or cancer, or of a maniacal or consumptive character, will be received; nor any person in immediate danger; the object of "The Home" being the comfortable accommodation of chronic patients, whose sufferings may be considerably alleviated by care and attention.

On the principle that occupation is of great advantage, both physically and morally, to the chronic invalid, the inmates will be expected, when able, to share in the lighter part of the household offices, or to employ themselves in needlework for the benefit of the Institution; while every facility will be provided for Nursing them tenderly when it is requisite.

They will be allowed to receive a visit from one friend at a time, on the afternoon of the first and third Mondays in the month and on Bank Holidays; but at other times only by express leave of the Matron, which shall be necessary also when going beyond the garden.

All medicines, spirituous liquors, and wine, to be placed under the Matron's care, and only administered under Medical direction.

No books to be introduced into the family without the approval of the ladies managing the Institution.

The inmates will be encouraged to attend public worship when their health will permit, and expected to assemble for family devotion when able.

## (Notes, Querles, &c.)

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

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\*\* British Nurses' Association.—We are requested to state that Miss Wood (Secretary) will be at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., daily, from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.), to see Nurses or others who may wish to make inquiries. Also that at present the Annual Subscription for Nurses is only half-a-crown, but that in a short time an entrance fee of five shillings will be charged. All Nurses desiring to join are therefore advised to write at once to the Secretary for an Application Form, enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope for the reply.

THE NATIONAL PENSION FUND FOR NURSES.

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

Sir,—On the 25th January last, there appeared in the *Leeds Yorkshire Post* a long letter from Mr. Henry C. Burdett on the above subject, and immediately following that letter, in the same paper and on the same day, there appeared a letter from myself. I took no further notice of Mr. Burdett's letter, as I considered that mine, which appeared along with it, was a sufficient answer to it. This, however, does not appear to have



