

"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.)

. WHILST CORDIALLY INVITING COMMUNICATIONS UPON ALL SUBJECTS FOR THESE COLUMNS, WE WISH IT TO BE DISTINCTLY UNDERSTOOD THAT WE DO NOT IN ANY WAY HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS EXPRESSED BY CORRESPONDENTS.

NURSES' HOLIDAYS.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Will you allow me, through the medium of your widely-circulated paper, to tell those Nurses who want a holiday, but have nowhere to go, to communicate with me? We have two nice offers for tired Nurses from friends to the B.N.A. A stamped envelope to be enclosed.—Yours faithfully,

C. J. WOOD, Secretary B.N.A.

8, Oxford Circus Avenue, W.

[We congratulate our energetic friends (the B.N.A.) on the above most useful addition to their resources—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir—For the past five months I have been a subscriber to your excellent magazine through some agents in Boston, Mass., and have received many valuable ideas of Nursing in England. Can you tell me why I have not received the Christmas picture? Also, ought an American bookseller to charge me 4 dols. per annum for your Journal?

The Training of Nurses in this country has become more and more important and popular. In 1883, this Hospital was able to offer the course of training to twenty Nurses, and was not able to keep the classes full. Now we have increased the school to thirty pupils, and during the past year received applications from one hundred and twenty-eight young ladies desiring admission.

Our Hospital averages over one hundred patients during the year, including all diseases but small-pox. Being employed as Night Superintendent, I feel particularly interested in the communication of "Night Sister" in the issue of Jan. 3rd.

Would she kindly inform me what their duties consist of during the night? Does she make rounds through the Wards often, or at stated times?

Or does she spend her time assisting and teaching the Nurses in their practical work? Or, visiting the very sick patients as her attention is being called to them?

Does she do all reporting to the Physicians, and write the Night Reports?

What does "presiding at the Nurses' meals" consist of? These questions may seem simple, but our arrangements must be quite different in some ways, and I am anxious to learn, and extend my usefulness.

There are certainly objections to very young Nurses, and we find that those who enter after twenty-five years of age usually make our most satisfactory Nurses. Many unpleasant necessities of Nursing are overcome in our Hospital by the employment for the Male Wards of three male orderlies or Nurses' assistants during the day, and one at night.

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