

"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.)

BADGE OR NO BADGE.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I think your correspondent "A Country Matron" is rather hard upon us over the badge question. It is not *all* "fal-lalls and ribbons." A badge is a token of fidelity. It binds a soldier to his regiment, a Highlander to his clan; it has also a historic significance. What a world of history went to the lowly genista, the badge of our proud Plantagenet Kings, and to our national emblem (badge), the sweet English rose! Life is not all sentiment, it is true, but life without any sentiment at all would be drear indeed!

"Let merry England proudly rear
Her blended roses, bought so dear;
Let Scotland bind her bonnet blue,
With lovely harebells bathed in dew;
On Erin's favoured crest be seen,
The flower she loves of emerald green."

And if permitted to do so, let the Members of the B.N.A. bind their badge on their arms. That they will worthily uphold its honour, is the sincere conviction of your correspondent. JUSTITIA.

[We rarely differ from our clever correspondent, "Justitia," but, as she will see in another column, we are, to our sorrow, obliged to do so upon this occasion and matter.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

M. will be much obliged to the Editor of *The Nursing Record* if he will kindly give her the address of a shipping company that takes Trained Nurses instead of stewardesses.

[We know of no particular shipping company which take Trained Nurses as stewardesses, but if "M." will write to, say, five or six of the chief "liners," one might feel disposed to make use of her services; but as a rule these posts are reserved for the relatives of the officers of the ships.—ED.]

A CORRECTION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—On receipt of the *N. R.* of May 30, with the insertion of my appointment to the Nurses' Institution, I beg to correct the statement of the decoration of the "Royal Red Cross" being given for the Servio-Bulgarian War, as it was conferred by Her Majesty for my services in Egypt after the campaign of 1882, together with the Queen's Medal and Khedive's Star. From the Servio-Bulgarian Government I had (with Her Majesty's permission) the honour to receive the decoration and medal of the Red Cross of Bulgaria, in recognition of my services with the National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded during the Servio-Bulgarian War.

I may add that I owe my training to St. John's House, in the Wards of King's College Hospital.—
Faithfully yours,
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