

"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.

"NOS AMIS L'ENNEMI."

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

Sir,—For nearly a year I have been a member of the B.N.A., and during that time have followed its fortunes with interest and fidelity, and with pen and personal influence have tried my best to help on its loftiest aims. I confess there have been moments of depression, when I feared we might not get all we wished (even badges), and then I reflected how much was being done for us, and grew cheerful again. But never in the hour of brightest hope did I anticipate anything at all approaching to the "crowning mercy" announced in our *Record* of the 13th. There is nothing strengthens a strong cause like a weak attack, and every member of the B.N.A. owes a debt of eternal gratitude to Miss Luckes for leading it, and whilst recognising its venom, we cannot find, nor need we fear, its sting.

Our defence is complete. We fearlessly submit the great principles for which we contend—the protection of the sick, and justice to the nursing profession—to the tribunal of public opinion. It concerns them as much as us, and they know, as well as we know, it is only Legal Registration that can carry them out, and no manifestoes can for long delay our Charter of Incorporation.

The B.N.A. is no house built upon the sands of shallow and shifting opinions, but a house founded upon the rock of justice and eternal right.—I am, Sir, yours truly, JUSTITIA.

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

Sir,—Permit me to thank you for your article in last week's *Nursing Record*. The worse than ridiculous pamphlet by the Matron of the London Hospital well deserves your withering leader. I have reason to believe that not a Sister or Nurse in that Hospital would agree with her.

It strikes me that the last question in the paper might be taken as answered by her own signature! It only requires to put the signature on the same line as the "what."—Yours truly, C. B. A.

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