

In this little sketch it has been impossible to touch on numberless other duties expected from a good Sister. It is not too much to say that she must be ubiquitous in her Ward, and to repeat that it is only with true courage, and the utmost self-denial, that she can hope to set an example worthy of imitation to those around her, privileged to work amongst the sick and needy.

And then we say "Good-night," Doris laughing at my parting remark, "That one must be a Hospital Nurse before one can thoroughly appreciate the blessedness of bed."

NURSING ECHOES.

* * *Communications (duly authenticated with name and address, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith) are especially invited for these columns.*

I HAVE just had the pleasure of reading a most characteristic letter, which will appear in another column of this number, from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, in reference to the poor Nurse who suffered so severely in every way, in the late disastrous fire in London. Her practical and thoughtful scheme seems to me thoroughly admirable. I would, however, make a suggestion in the way of collecting funds. If every Matron who is a Member of the British Nurses' Association would bring the matter before her subordinates, and receive even penny subscriptions from them, and remit their total contributions to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, far more than sufficient funds would be collected easily and soon; because, one must remember, the old adage that "He who gives quickly, gives twice." And then, again, Nurses being themselves poorly-recompensed workers, could not give more than a trifle to such a scheme, and, individually, would most probably not like to send that trifle separately.

MR. EDITOR asks me to say here, that he has written to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, offering to print each week a list of the subscriptions to this fund. But the kind-hearted idea has suggested to my mind another one, to which Mr. Editor cordially agrees—that the *Nursing Record* should open a Benevolent Fund for Nurses, and always have at least one necessitous case it is endeavouring to relieve by means of the united efforts of its readers. After talking the matter over, we have come to the conclusion that the first case we might help is the one of Mrs. Duyck, to which I referred at length in our issue of August 2nd. What we have to do for this case is to obtain at least a thousand votes for the British Home for Incurables, in order to secure the pension of £20 per annum. As a rule,

this takes many months, if not years, to gather together. But the scheme I should suggest would be this :

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A LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS who have votes is published by the Home, and can be obtained by anyone writing to the Secretary, at the office, 73, Cheapside, London, E.C. If every reader of these "Echoes" would obtain a copy, and read through the list, it is more than probable that each would find the name of at least one friend or relation therein, who would give her their votes for the next, or some subsequent, election. If the votes were sent to me, under care of the Editor, I would acknowledge their receipt in these columns, and see that they were properly filled in for Mrs. Duyck, and sent in, on the polling-day. And I am sure that with such a united effort, the Nurses' candidate would very soon be successful.

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THEN the following scheme is suggested for future cases. Any annual subscriber to this journal may send the facts of any case of distress among Nurses, with which he or she is personally acquainted, to the Editor; if he considers it deserving, he will enter her name upon a list. When Mrs. Duyck is elected as a Pensioner, the particulars of all the cases then upon this list will be published; and every copy of the paper that week will contain a slip of paper, upon which each of our readers can inscribe one of the names upon the list, forwarding it by post to the Editor. The case that gains the greatest number of such votes, will then be placed upon our Benevolent Fund, and we shall do all in our power to permanently relieve it. When that end is secured, the list will be published again, and our readers asked to vote for a new candidate. By this means, I hope in time we shall be able not only to do a great deal of good but, also, to show the benevolent a practical method of assisting those of our sisters, who, after striving to help others, are in sore need of help themselves.

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THE following is the letter to which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick refers in her communication to these columns:—"The Fatal Fire in Wigmore Street,—To the Editor of the *Globe*—Sir,—I have so much confidence in the kind liberality of a charitable public that I believe the following facts have only to be made known to call forth a ready and generous response. One of our brave Hospital Nurses, who was in charge of the poor paralysed old lady who perished in the flames at the above fire, after a noble effort to save her patient's life, escaped only at the last moment by jumping from the third floor window, and now lies in this

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