

"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 untedly 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, etc., will be duly acknowledged.

CORRESPONDENCE

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

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

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—I have to thank your correspondent, "A. B.," rather tardily, I am afraid, for pointing out an error I omitted to notice, both in the MS. and print of "L'Hotel Dieu," an error which, though I hope pardonable in a member of my sex, certainly was "a derangement of epitaphs," calculated to throw a remarkable light on the divagations of female Hospital patients. Bouquets, and not bonnets, are the associations in my mind, with our little lame Southerner, whose care for every leaf and flower in our Ward would have been almost droll, but for the knowledge that her own sunny country and the flowers were linked together in her memory. "Marietta's children" were always tenderly collected and revived after every visit and Flower Mission. They were laid in silent appeal on the Ward table, and her deft fingers knew exactly where and how every petal showed to the best advantage. I must ask your forgiveness for a very careless blunder, and I must thank "A. B." for noticing it, and also congratulate her on the possession of the art of kindly criticism, a gift as valuable as it is rare, for which I am sincerely obliged in my own case.—Faithfully yours,
R. OLIVER.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I shall be glad if you can tell me through your paper where a young person can learn the massage treatment, and what the fees are? ANXIETY.

[We should advise you to write to Miss East, Lady Superintendent, The National Hospital for Paralysis, &c., Queen Square, London, W.C., who is most likely to be able to give you the information you desire. You should enclose a stamped and addressed envelope. You should always enclose your card or real name and address when writing to a journal. Anonymous letters are rarely noticed.—ED.]

** A number of other communications, &c., not noticed in this issue will be dealt with when space permits.

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Miss Annie Blissett.—Your article is accepted with thanks, and shall appear in due course. We presume you wish your name appended to it.

Miss Alice Dannatt.—Your communication is an important one, and shall appear in the form of an article as soon as ever the pressure upon our space will allow us to find room for it.

Miss Stacey.—We are always glad to receive original contributions to our columns, and especially welcome new helpers in our work; but so many Nurses are evincing literary powers of no mean order, that we are already suffering from an *embarras de richesses* in the way of contributions. If you will

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