

## "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, &amp;c.)

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

\* \* British Nurses' Association.—We are requested to state that Miss Wood (Hon. Sec.) will be at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W., every Wednesday, from 10.30 a.m. to noon, and at 7, St. George's Mansions, Red Lion Square, W.C., on each Friday until noon, to see Nurses or others who may wish to make inquiries.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I think your correspondent "I.O." would be glad to hear of Kimberley Hospital, South Africa, which has a large Training School for Nurses under the care of the Bloemfontein Sisters. The Hospital authorities give every advantage which the condition of the country allows to Nurses and Nursing Pupils. None are engaged who do not hold the position of refined and educated people, for as the rougher work of the Wards is done by native servants, especial care is taken to give the Nurses an intelligent training, as well as a comfortable and happy home. Advantages are given to those who intend to do private Nursing, as a large proportion of the patients pay from five shillings to £1 a day, and the utmost nicety is required in arranging their rooms, and serving their meals. A salary is given which is sufficient to pay all expenses of clothing, holiday, &c., and a preference is always given to our own Nurses in making appointments. The heat is considerable during a great part of the year, but there are four cool months in which to recover. Any further information will be gladly given by Sister Henrietta, Franche, Kidderminster.—I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,  
MATRON.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Would any of your numerous readers kindly tell me where I can hear of vacancies occurring abroad? I do not wish for private Nursing, but would like to enter a Hospital as Sister.  
HOPE.

[We do not know of any Hospitals on the Continent which would accept our correspondent's services in the capacity she mentions. If she is a member of the British Nurses' Association we would advise her to write to the Hon. Secretaries, as they probably will have more accurate information about Nursing posts in the Colonies than any one else can have. See also "Matron's" letter above.—ED.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Kindly allow me to express my sympathy with your benevolent scheme (which I have not been able to do more for yet) and to offer you a suggestion that may be new to you. Will you always make inquiry whether the Nurses you wish to assist are either wives, widows, or children of freemen of any of our City of London companies, more especially of the livery companies, for as such they are eligible (I think I might say almost entitled) to many benefits, including pensions. It may seem strange to you that it should be necessary to draw attention to this fact, but very few comparatively of those most interested know or remember it. If the relative was a "liveryman" or

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