

VENTILATION IN THE SICK-ROOM.—With a proper supply of windows, and a proper supply of fuel in open fireplaces, fresh air is comparatively easy to secure when your patient or patients are in bed. Never be afraid of open windows then; people don't catch cold in bed. This is a popular fallacy. With proper bedclothes, and hot bottles if necessary, you can always keep a patient warm in bed, and well ventilate them at the same time.—*Florence Nightingale on Nursing.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

A CORRECTION.

Mrs. Fleming Baxter, hon. secretary of the Somerville Club, presents her compliments to the Editor of the *Nursing Record*, and writes to inform him that in the notice of the above club, in his paper of April 12th, the subscription is stated to be £1 10s. This is an error, it only being 10s. yearly; and as it is likely to mislead, Mrs. Fleming Baxter would be much obliged if the mistake could be rectified.

Somerville Club,
231, Oxford Street, London, W.
April 19th.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

NURSING THE POOR.

SIR,—In your first issue you referred to the gift the Queen has made of the "Women's Jubilee Offering" to provide nurses for the poor. This is another proof of Her Majesty's sympathy, wise and practical, with the poor and suffering of her people. And the need for such aid is great. Allow me to cite a case which came under my own notice, in a distant northern seaport.

During rough weather a young man, a sailor, was washed overboard and drowned. His young wife was then ill with rheumatic fever, and soon after was seized with serious illness of another sort, and was in a very critical state. She was waited on and nursed by her mother-in-law and her young sister. The patient grew worse, and was in agony from rheumatic pains, but her two attendants were unable to perform the ordinary duties of a nurse. The mother was too old; the sister was too weak. It will not be deemed surprising that the doctor in charge of the case threatened to give it up, unless a proper nurse were provided. But there was not a district nurse for the poor in the town! Eventually the parish took up the case, and provided a neighbour to act as nurse; but her notions on beef-tea and other kindred matters were original and crude.

Thanks to the great kindness, interest, and skill of the parish doctor, the poor woman recovered; but what a relief it would have been to him to have a trained and competent nurse to carry out his instructions.

This case, which came under my own observation (for I visited the poor young widow for some weeks), is doubtless only one out of thousands. And there are thousands of women with nothing to do or seeking occupation who might be suited for this work.

Will not some of our noble and wealthy philanthropists follow where the helping hand of our Queen points the way, and augment the "Royal Nursing Fund," so that a band of suitable and qualified women may soon be sent forth to meet this great and constant need?

VERITAS.

HELP WANTED.

WE strongly recommend to our readers the following deserving case for the ensuing Election at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street, City:—

To the Governors and Subscribers of the British Home for Incurables, Clapham Rise.—The favour of your votes and interest is earnestly solicited on behalf of SARAH DUYCK, widow, aged 47 (candidate for an Annuity of £20). She has supported herself since her husband's death (six years ago) by nursing, till sixteen months ago, when she met with a serious accident and broke both bones of her leg, which the surgeons now pronounce will render her a cripple for life. Having dislocated one arm several years previously, she cannot even use her crutches for long together. Her case is recommended by the Rev. S. F. Bridge, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Herne Hill; *Mrs. Carr, Springwell, Clapham Common, S.W.; William McMullen, Esq., F.R.C.S., 166, Coldharbour Lane, Brixton; *Mrs. Harvey, 138, Wells Street, Camberwell; W. F. Farmer, Esq., 4, Seymour Villas, Anerley, S.E.; *Mrs. Macdonald, Herne Hill, S.E. Those marked * will gladly receive proxies.

VACANT APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.—Salary £80.—Apply to J. Eastwood, Secretary, BLACKBURN AND EAST LANCASHIRE INFIRMARY.

HEAD NURSES (two).—Salary £22.—Apply to the Matron, WEST HERTS INFIRMARY, Hemel Hempstead.

NIGHT NURSE.—Apply to the Matron, WEST HERTS INFIRMARY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.

NURSE.—Salary £23.—Apply to the Matron, STROUD HOSPITAL.

NURSES.—For District or Private Work.—Apply to Mrs. Higginbotham, Superintendent, GLASGOW SICK POOR AND PRIVATE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

NURSE (Female Lock Ward).—Salary £25.—Apply to the Matron, ROYAL HOSPITAL, PORTSMOUTH.

NURSE (Surgical).—Salary £22.—Apply to the Matron, Infirmary, Rochdale.

NURSE (for an aged gentleman).—Salary £50.—Apply to Z., Turner's Library, 1, Bathurst Street, Hyde Park Gardens, W.

CERTIFICATED MIDWIVES.—To work amongst the poor.—Apply, Mrs. Higginbotham, Superintendent, GLASGOW SICK POOR AND PRIVATE NURSING ASSOCIATION.

PROBATIONERS.—Ladies preferred.—Apply to the Lady Superintendent, 107, 109, Shaw Street, Liverpool.

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