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To our Readers, Contributors, Patrons, and Supporters.

WE issue our first number in a thoroughly hopeful spirit, for we fully believe that the time has now arrived when a most important body can with advantage be represented by having as its advocate a journal which shall actively and independently promulgate its general views. Hitherto, the nursing profession—and by this we mean the *nurses themselves* and all those associated with nursing work—has been almost entirely without any *recognised* medium for making its requirements known; and has never had the

efficient means of inter-communication which is so essential for the proper consolidation of a large and increasingly important body. True there are existing publications which have devoted some little attention to nursing matters, and have, as far as their limited space and want of *actual touch* with nurses permitted them, endeavoured to do the best they could. But even this best is unsatisfactory and inefficient; and in making these assertions we feel assured that we are only expressing the sentiments of the fifteen thousand nurses who are working amongst us.

Our chief objects are—

(1.) To federate, as it were, the many divisible bodies of nurses scattered throughout the country, bringing all these under one chief and recognised system, to enable nurses to regard with proper satisfaction their status and position; in this we have received many encouraging offers of assistance.

(2.) To deal with matters relating to the nursing profession, more especially those concerning its advancement.

(3.) To protect the general interests of nurses, and to promote their well-being and improvement.

(4.) To introduce opinion and criticism upon all subjects associated with nursing work.

(5.) To offer active assistance in the promotion and support of any movement calculated to benefit the nursing profession.

In the supply of literary matter we shall always endeavour to introduce that which shall be original, chatty, instructive, and attractive; and as far as it lies in our power we shall hope to make *The Record* a journal for nurses, *written by nurses*, leaving ourselves open at all times to act upon any suggestion—herewith cordially invited—which may be considered to enhance its usefulness.

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