

Nurses, and have introduced themselves as such to the public, so that it will be necessary in the first place to separate the former from the latter.

Until the Government prescribes the possession of a properly acknowledged certificate as an admission to this important work, one of the objects of the Association is to preclude the inexperienced from attending to the sick, allowing only the thoroughly efficient to perform this duty.

As it is but just and desirable to give the latter a vote for their own business, so it is as necessary to refuse the former all protection. To this end, the provisional management resolved to open a register for all who possess a certificate acknowledged by the Association, and to admit as members those whose names are entered in it.

Until the general meeting has decided about the above certificates, male and female Nurses can only join as donors. This state of transition, however, will be, it is hoped, of but short duration, as the provisional management has already formed a committee, consisting of Messrs. J. van Deventer Szn, H. W. de Monchy, Kouwer, Renssen, and J. Ed. Stumpff, all doctors, all of whom give instruction to male and female Nurses. This Committee will lay before the first general meeting a detailed plan to give scope to clauses 2 and 3 of article 2.

As soon as the general meeting has taken decision in this matter, all those who had already joined as donors, and are holding a, by that time, acknowledged certificate, will be transferred as members.

Lastly, clause E, of article 5, offers possible opportunities to all who, through their meritorious conduct towards the sick, can be admitted as members by the general meeting, if proposed by the management or by any 10 members.

This rule, the provisional management hopes to be able to apply very frequently, as well for many who acted with efficiency as Nurses before the examinations and certificates were instituted, as for others, who, though not acting in that capacity, have by their energy and zeal done much to further the cause of sick treatment.

The conviction that unity was absolutely necessary, and must be felt by all who devote themselves to the treatment of the sick, or who attempt its advancement, was the cause of the promoters of the Association coming forward.

May a very large and ready response, both of members and donors, prove that this conviction was not unfounded!!

The provisional management of the Dutch Association for Treatment of the Sick :—Dr. C.

F. T. Blooker, President ; J. van Deventer, Second President ; Jonkvrouw J. de Bosch Kemper, Hon. Secretary ; Mejuffrouw J. P. Reynvaan, Dr. S. K. Hulshoff, Dr. B. H. Stephan, Prof. Dr. C. Winkler."

SUBSCRIPTION FORM.

The undersigned herewith promises to join the "Dutch Association for Treatment of the Sick."

- a. As a member for a yearly subscription of f2.50 (4s. 2d.).
- b. As a donor.

Address..... Signature.....

When filled in kindly forward this form to

JONKVROUW J. DE BOSCH KEMPER,
Roemer Visscherstraat, 6, Amsterdam.

Rules of the Dutch Association for the Treatment of the Sick. Approved by Royal Resolution April 10th, 1893, No. 8.

OBJECT AND AIM.

ART. 1.—The Dutch Association for the Treatment of the Sick has for its aim the better treatment of the sick in Holland.

- 1st. By uniting in one common bond all who devote themselves to the work or who are interested in it.
- 2nd. By unremitting attention both to the scientific and moral treatment of the sick.
- 3rd. By regulating the method of instruction, the form of future examinations, and the uniformity of the certificates.

ART. 2.—The Association endeavours to further these objects:—

- 1st. By convening meetings at which will be discussed all matters appertaining to the treatment of the sick.
- 2nd. By endeavours to establish harmony between instructors and examiners.
- 3rd. By an ever watchful attention to the moral and physical interests of those devoting themselves to the care of the sick.
- 4th. By opening and keeping a Register of male and female Nurses holding the Association's certificate.

ART. 3.—The chair of the Association is founded at Amsterdam.

ART. 4.—The Association consists of members, donors, and honorary members.

ART. 5.—Members may be :—

- a. Doctors.
- b. Principals of Nurses.
- c. Members of the management of Hospitals and Infirmaries.
- d. Male and female Nurses whose names are on the Register (Art. 2, Clause 4).
- e. Persons of meritorious action towards the treatment of the sick. The admission of these persons is decided by the general meeting when proposed by the management or 10 members. Members pay an annual subscription of f 2.50 (4/2).

Members wishing to resign must acquaint the secretary of the fact before the 1st of January. A membership can be cancelled by proposal of the management on justifiable grounds, if at a general meeting two thirds of those present agree to it.

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