

little or nothing for ourselves, and frequently we hear or meet with Nurses who are incapacitated for work, with little or very insufficient means to meet a long needed rest.

We give our yearly subscription to the Royal British Nurses' Association, and we go to the yearly conversazione when we are able, and there ends the active interest of many of us! Surely it is a possible, and a very desirable thing, that a sick fund, to be under the control and management of some of the committee, should be formed for the mutual benefit of the Nurses who are likely to need such help, and that each Nurse should give regularly to the support of the same. We do so little for each other, and there is no class of women who should be so anxious to do all in their power for their fellow workers.

Such a fund would be an inestimable boon to many of us, and those who may never need to avail themselves of it would be glad to know that they had done something for others less fortunately situated. Will you kindly insert this letter if the suggestion meets with your approval?

It means responsibility and work for those who already do much for us, but it seems practical and very necessary to

Yours faithfully,

A MEMBER OF THE R.B.N.A.

Hampstead.

[We are entirely in sympathy with our correspondent, and believe that *self* help is the only foundation for true independence. We would draw her attention to "Our American Letter" in this week's issue, written by a member of the R.B.N.A. working in New York; its tone of sturdy independence and sisterly kindness rings true, and may inspire her colleagues in England to follow her excellent example. We should be glad to hear suggestions from our fellow members on this important subject, and feel sure the Nurse Hon. Sec. Mrs. Spencer, would gladly receive any suggestions members of the R.B.N.A. would desire to express.—Ed.]

Comments and Replies.

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