

"NURSING RECORD" BENEVOLENT FUND.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

WE want 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, and for this purpose donations, whether small or large, will be thankfully received, as the Fund has already many demands made upon it.

HELP WANTED HERE ALSO.

Mrs. Sarah Duyck, aged 48, is a widow, and has broken her leg so badly, that she will probably be a cripple for the rest of her life, besides dislocating one shoulder some years ago, so that she is even unable to use her crutches for long at a time.

Mrs. Duyck wishes 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 please 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.

A FEW more smiles, a few more tears, some pleasure, much pain, a little longer hurrying and worrying in the world, some hasty greetings, abrupt farewells, and life will be over, and the injurer and injured will be laid away and ere long forgotten. It is not worth while to hate each other.

REPUTATION.—There is often not a greater cheat than fame and reputation. The hypocrite, till discovered, appears garnished with all the plumes that brave report doth usually fly withal; but, once detected, he is as black and spotted as the panther's skin. Indeed, it is hard for any to escape the lash of censure; but the emanations of a true and perfect report, for the most part, rise from a man's private conversation.

POETS, moralists, and divines unite in reproaching slander. It is truly "the pestilence walking in darkness," spreading contagion far and wide, which the most wary traveller cannot avoid. More reputations are hinted away by false friends than are openly destroyed by public enemies. Slander is the heart-searching dagger of the assassin. It is the poisoned arrow whose wound is incurable. It stabs the valuable character you hold so dear with a whisper, with a nod, with a smile.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

Communications, &c., not noticed in our present number will receive attention when space permits.

[UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS.]

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to see your paper every week and hear what is going on. I have particularly appreciated the practical papers on Surgery and Obstetrical Nursing.—Yours truly, F. M.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I consider the *Nursing Record* to be invaluable to the nursing community.—Yours truly, W. A. E.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I consider your Journal a most interesting and useful paper, and sincerely wish that it may continue to have every success.—Yours truly, B. M. M. L.

The advantages of advertising in the "Nursing Record."—Dr. C. R. Illingworth, Clayton House, Accrington, writes:—"Your notice secured me the first order for my invention."

[We are pleased to have this indisputable expression of the advantage of advertising in this Journal, particularly as we notice that the invention Dr. Illingworth alludes to had appeared in more than one other supposed representative journals.—ED.]

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications with and without enclosures have been received from *Sister Bewsher, L. G., M. H. C., Miss Stuart, C. M. B., Mrs. Kock, Mrs. Witherby, Mrs. Bland, Sister Veronica (2), Mrs. Duyck, Miss M. Johnson, Miss E. A. Wesley, Miss S. C. Long, Miss Close, Dr. F. A. Cox, Miss Brennan, Miss French, Miss Jackson, Miss L. Seidler, Miss A. F. Hamilton, Miss J. Coode, Miss Helen Bennett, The Religious Tract Society, Miss H. J. Clements, Miss S. Clayton, Miss M. Furley, Miss Monckton, Messrs. Witkamp and Co., the Secretary the Institute of Medical Electricity, Miss M. F. Bennett, Miss M. J. McLelland, Miss G. Montgomery, Miss E. F. Boyle.*

Miss Foxwell; F. B. S.; Country Nurse.—Apply to the Secretary of the Association for the information. We believe that the Registers are either now opened or will very shortly be begun; but as we have again and again explained, there is no connection between this Journal and the British Nurse's Association, and we only know exactly as much of its plans as any one of our readers.

Miss C. Johnstone.—Kindly send us all particulars concerning age, training, religion and list of Institutions you have tried, and two references. We may be able to assist you.

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