

when the charge is twenty-five shillings. The home is comfortably furnished, and Miss Newman, the head, is a universal favourite, and the sun-rise sky of the new undertaking promises a brilliant noon. The idea is much the same as that started last year by the popular rector of St. Mary Abbott's, Kensington, *i.e.*, a boarding-house for ladies, the said ladies to be of necessity workers in his parish. Upper and middle classes, as well as the poor, are beginning to grasp the truth of the great motto, "Union is strength," and to realise the compound interest generally accruing to numbers.

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THE late Miss Hadfield Ray did not forget the needy in her "last will and testament," for she has left £1,000 each to nine charitable institutions in the large county of Yorkshire, and also to the British Medical Benevolent Fund, and to the Society called the "Friends of the Clergy Society," of London. VEVA KARSLAND.

### "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.

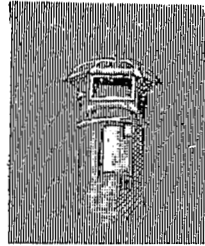
Mrs. Duyck wishes to obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

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.

WE never know the true value of friends. While they live we are too sensitive to their faults; when we have lost them we only see their virtues.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

(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.*

#### To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—May I, through your columns, express my gratitude to Miss Wood for her "Nurses' Hostel"? Being in England for a holiday, I have found it the greatest convenience, and in no place have I felt more thoroughly at home. One always finds there a hearty welcome and all that the most fastidious should require, at an incredibly low price. Any one who has been once will be certain to go again.—I am, Sir, yours obediently, MARY HIRST WATKINS.  
Nailsworth, Gloucestershire.

#### THE FRIENDS OF THE CLERGY CORPORATION.

##### To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—The voting list of the above Society has just been issued. On the 26th inst. four candidates are to be elected from a list of seventy. Of these poor ladies, there are sixteen who have been eight years and upwards waiting for election. Two who have been waiting fifteen years, and two who have been waiting seventeen years, one of whom has at present only five hundred and twenty votes out of about two thousand required. Assuming that she will progress at the same rate in future, her age now being sixty-six, she may be successful when she is about one hundred and ten years old, if she lives long enough. It would be highly interesting to know how much this old lady has spent on canvassing and what mental anxiety she has endured. The public should be informed why the candidates cannot be chosen by the Committee of the Corporation and canvassing altogether abolished.—Your obedient servant, J. A. Dow.

*Secretary, Charity Voting Reform Association.*

30, Charing Cross, S.W.

[We quite agree with Mr. Dow as to the deplorable condition of things as exemplified above—one only out of unfortunately many hundreds of analogous cases. If the British public would only button its pockets against the appeals of "voting" charities, a remedy would very soon be found.—ED.]

##### To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—A few weeks back there was a piece in the *Nursing Record* about governesses, and the other week I heard from a friend of mine in India, asking me if I could get to know anything about "free schools" for boys, as she has a little brother who she would like to get into one, and I thought that perhaps through your valuable paper you could give me an answer. I send the *Record* out weekly to India, and they say that "they are very disappointed if they do not get it by each mail, for it keeps them well up in news of the nursing profession."—Yours truly, J. W. W.

[Will our correspondent kindly send us the age of the boy religion, &c., and we will see what we can do?—ED.]

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