

"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.

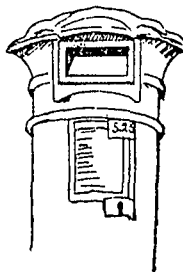
Mrs. Duyck wishes to obtain an annuity of £20 a year from the British Home for Incurables. To do this at least 1,000 votes must be procured from subscribers to the Institution. Lists of subscribers can be obtained by sending eight stamps to the offices, 73, Cheapside, E.C.

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.

Proxies will also be thankfully received by the Editor for the British Home for Incurables on behalf of a most deserving candidate for an annuity of £20 from the above Institution. Votes for other Charitable Societies will also be gladly received as they can be exchanged. Candidate's name, Ann Thompson; single; aged fifty-one; who has been suffering from spinal injury and paralysis for more than six years past. She is now quite unable to earn her living.

BACK NUMBERS.—The publishers will give double the price—fourpence per copy—for Nos. 49, 51, 52 of the *Nursing Record*, which are out of print. Those who have duplicate copies, please note.

WE need to consider the old elements and the new in every question. There is danger of that too cautious spirit which resists all change because "the past has been good enough." The past has held many errors which modern thought is bringing to light, and, as higher aims and better methods are coming to the front, they rightly claim our assistance and influence. At the same time we may err as much in rashly following the element of newness as that of age.



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.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—Can you, or any of the readers of the *Nursing Record*, tell me if there is any Hospital or Home which takes incurable cases without payment? The case I am interested in is that of a child suffering from curvature of the spine, with abscesses; the boy cannot be kept permanently in a General Hospital, and is not fit to go to his East End home.—I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

L. S.

[Try, Home for Incurable Children, Maida Vale, N.W.; All Saints' Home, 82, Margaret Street, W.; Cheyne Hospital for Children, 47, Cheyne Walk, S.W.; St. Marion's Home for Children, Brondesbury Park, N.W.—ED.]

THE LADIES' NATIONAL INSTITUTION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—It has at last been discovered to be a national disgrace that in cases of distress every class of the community is provided for, either by charity or benefit societies, except our impoverished ladies. To a certain extent this is the fault of ladies themselves. Hundreds are to be found in the unions, the refuges, and in the streets, or living in miserable lodgings in a state of penury and semi-starvation. A committee has been formed in London to remedy the existing evil; the "Ladies' National Institution" is in course of formation, and ladies and gentlemen have gladly come forward to represent the new Society in London, Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham and other towns. Will you allow me space, in the interests of this much-to-be-pitied class, to give an outline of the objects of the Institution?

- (1) To give temporary assistance in urgent cases after inquiry.
- (2) To advertise their wants in the Press, and to find suitable employment.
- (3) To furnish Medical treatment and comforts to those disabled by illness.
- (4) To grant a monthly pension to those permanently unable to support themselves without the delays of the voting system.
- (5) To make additions to small incomes to enable elderly ladies to live at home in comfort, or to pay for their subsistence in the existing Ladies' Homes.
- (6) To give temporary assistance in any case of emergency.
- (7) The fund, when opened, will be a national one, available for all ladies in England and Wales, irrespective of locality, age, or religion.

I shall be glad to receive the names of any who approve of the formation of the Society, and to thank you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter.

Signed, on behalf of twenty-one ladies and gentlemen in London and provincial towns,

MARY FORREST, *Member of the Committee.*
35, New Street, St. John's Wood, London, N.W.

April 10, 1890.

[Out of courtesy we insert the above; but until we are favoured with the names and addresses of the Committee we cannot express any opinion either for or against the proposed Institution.—ED.]

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