

the *Hospital* has any right to call itself a Nursing paper if it keeps back, or perhaps doesn't even know of, all these important things which are happening for Nurses. We think that THE NURSING RECORD gets more interesting every week, and you would be surprised if you knew how many people borrow my copy every week. The house doctors always have Matron's and mine turned up in the office at last, but the Secretary says he has ordered it now for himself every week. I didn't mean to have written so much, but we do like THE RECORD, and I am glad to tell you so.—Yours truly,
ALICE E. SYMPSON.

[We are grateful to our kind correspondent for her appreciation, and for calling our attention to a very significant fact. It is clear that if Nurses desire to know the current news of their profession they must read THE NURSING RECORD.—ED.]

NURSING ASSOCIATION, MIDDLESBRO'

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

SIR,—We beg to thank you for your kind mention, in THE NURSING RECORD of August 18th, of the work done by our Association, but we think that it would be well to give you a brief explanation of the matters referred to in the concluding portion of your paragraph.

The Reserve Fund, to which you allude, has not been accumulated during the two years we have been at work, but is a sum remaining from special donations towards the starting and furnishing of the Nurses' Home. It will be required when the Home is, as we hope it soon will be, enlarged, and is put aside for that purpose. The balance of £143 on the year's working is due chiefly to the large sum resulting from the Cyclists' Parade and the Football Match got up on behalf of the Association, and this, of course, cannot be regarded as "annual," and must be put aside for the rainy day, which, alas! often comes to Institutions depending

solely on public support. The earnings of the private Nurses have, hitherto, barely covered their expenses, but we consider ourselves fortunate in not working this branch at a loss, private Nursing on so small a scale often resulting in one. It has helped the District Nursing Branch in this way only—that some private patients, to show their appreciation of the Nurses' services, have given donations and thank offerings to the Home.

Our Association is still young, and in a town like Middlesbro' (where everyone feels more or less the fluctuations of the trade on which this district so largely depends) we have many difficulties to contend with, and our subscriptions are uncertain. We feel, therefore, the importance of working as economically as we can, without detriment to the work and usefulness of the Association. We hope, therefore, that this explanation will remove any impression that we are helping the District Nursing Branch of our work by the earnings of the private Nurses.

With thanks for your encouraging remarks, we are, Sir, faithfully yours,
M. HEDLEY, *President.*
G. PURVIS (*Lady Supt.*).
C. WILLIAMS, *Hon. Sec.*

Replies to Correspondents.

Competitor.—The caps and dolls must be sent in by the 30th of this month; write to Mrs. Holmes Spicer, 6A, Bedford Square, W.C.

Mr. J. H. Lushington.—We regret that we cannot find space for your letter received as we go to press. It shall certainly appear, and receive our full attention next week.

Nurse E.—We cannot explain why it is so, but application clearly should be made as directed in the article to which you call our attention.

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