

for mothers placed on probation on the lines of the Mayflower Home, and also recommends that powers be given to the local authority to incur expenditure on this type of case and on after care case work."

On this subject a representative of the Mayflower Home stated that as a result of tuition on the Mayflower lines, 81 per cent of the cases were satisfactory. This work was achieved only by love, faith and patience.

The discussions at the Conference were of a high standard, the speakers knowing well their subject.

Letters to the Editor.

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.

Grenfell Association of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

66, Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.
November 11th, 1952.

DEAR EDITOR,

Thank you very much indeed for the splendid notice you have given of the Grenfell Christmas Cards in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. We have had a very good response, and we are most grateful to you for your generous co-operation and help, which means so much to Labrador and her people.

You may be interested to read the enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. Curtis, our Superintendent on the Coast.

At a Meeting of the Council the other day the Members decided to send Dr. Curtis's letter to our Royal Patrons, Her Majesty The Queen, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. Their Majesties have been graciously pleased to reply, and have expressed their deepest interest in the work of our nurses in Labrador and Northern Newfoundland. This is a tribute of which we are justly proud.

As Dr. Curtis is an American his praise is particularly appreciated. We are glad to know that the splendid work the nurses are doing is so deeply valued.

With renewed thanks for all your help.

Yours sincerely,
B. SEABROOK.

The International Grenfell Association.

St. Anthony, Newfoundland.
October 10th, 1952.

DEAR MISS SEABROOK,

I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have sent to the Editor of the *Evening Telegram*, one of our local newspapers in St. John's.

I want you to tell your Association and Directors that we appreciate the fact that these devoted British nurses are willing to come out here for long periods of time, and give medical aid to people in these isolated outposts. If it were not for the British nurses this Mission would have to close down.

Sincerely yours,
C. S. CURTIS, M.D., Superintendent.

October 10th, 1952.

The Editor, *The Evening Telegram*,
St. John's.

SIR,

I feel it should be widely known, the debt that the people owe the British nurses who come out here to serve in the out-

ports with the Grenfell Mission. We have today 11 British nurses, one American, and two Canadian. If it were not for the British nurses, the nursing stations of this Mission, scattered along the Labrador and Northern Newfoundland coasts, would be closed, as we have tried in vain to secure nurses from this province, the mainland and the U.S.

The most extraordinary fact about this situation is that these nurses are working in the most isolated and most difficult parts of the province. Yesterday one of our nurses travelled for fourteen hours in a small motor boat covered with canvas, bringing a sick child to St. Anthony hospital. A British nurse is presently *en route* from England to take a lonely post on Labrador as a Volunteer.

In these times of rapid change, when people generally are thinking more and more of monetary gain and personal comfort, one of the most gratifying things on the Grenfell Mission today is the fact that these devoted and heroic women are willing to come out here for long periods of time and take these isolated posts, and give medical care to the people who would otherwise be without.

Sincerely yours,
CHARLES S. CURTIS, M.D., Superintendent.

London, W.10.
November 20th, 1952

The Editor,
THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR EDITOR,
Congratulations on your Editorial in the last issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

A subject after my own heart and very beautifully written! My compliments to the writer.

I would like to send it to "Woman's Hour" of the B.B.C. So many women would agree, apart from the Nursing profession.

Yours sincerely,
D. B.

"Congratulations to G.M.H. on her leading article in the November issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I should like to send a copy to every hospital.

"I always look forward to the B.J.N. each month. Best wishes for its continued success."
M.G.V.

AID FOR THE ELDERLY SICK IN LONDON.

District Nursing Fund Spends £3,000 on Comforts.

OVER £3,000 HAS BEEN SPENT, during the past four years, on bed-linen for elderly patients of the district nurses in London.

Articles purchased through a comforts fund set up in 1948 by the Central Council for District Nursing in London include 2,201 bed sheets, 1,048 draw sheets, 648 towels, 468 pillow-cases, 103 night-gowns and 1,895 yards of material for night-gowns and night-shirts.

"The fund depends on gifts and has benefited from many generous donations, including 50 dollars received earlier this year from district nurses in Canada."

Last Word for 1952.

OUR HIGHEST ASPIRATION is to keep pure and sacred the physical Fount of Life, and thus give liberty and solace to the soul.

High aspirations indeed, but not beyond attainment, and high aspirations are the best incentive to high endeavours.

ETHEL GORDON FENWICK.

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