

still a great task to be done in England, and that is to find some way of uniting the two factions in nursing. I ventured to say this, in effect, at the little dinner of farewell to Miss Donaldson, who was leaving London for the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow—a nurse who, by the way, is also an Oxford University woman. The new club of the R.B.N.A. is also most attractive, and American nurses in London are welcome to share its tranquil, afternoon-tea-by-the-fire atmosphere.

"Seldom indeed do life-long workers and warriors see so fully the embodiment and fruition of a life-long struggle as has been the rich reward of Mrs. Fenwick and Miss Breay. And we do not doubt that kindly time will heal the wound scars left from the period of contest. Yet we believe there will always be sharply contesting and opposing groups in English nursing. It is a part of the far greater originality and diversity of personality that characterises the British people. And would we have it reduced to a general uniformity? There might be some gain, but much, much would be lost."

In this opinion we are warmly at one with Miss Dock.

THE PROGRESS OF NURSING EDUCATION.

A correspondent writes from New York of the progress now going forward in the Department of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College. "We have again a large group of students, coming from many quarters of the-globe, eager for all that we can give them and more. And we are much encouraged in finding that the educational qualifications of each year's entering class are appreciably higher than those of the previous year; for instance, over a hundred of this year's group are working for the degree of Bachelor of Science as well as for the Diploma of the College in their own professional field. And a dozen or so others are working for the degree of Master of Arts, just a peg or so higher. Of course, in one way these degrees may mean little, but they affect markedly the estimate of the public in so far as nursing and the education of nurses are concerned. And that helps to bring into our schools of nursing that better type of candidate for which we everywhere are suffering, and which forms the bed-rock, the indispensable foundation for all of our future work. . . . And by the way, it will interest you I am sure to know that the scarcity of applicants is not so marked as it has been, and that about all of our better schools are showing not only an increased number of applicants but also of better qualified women.

HONOURABLE RECOGNITION.

"Speaking of degrees reminds me of the great pleasure which all of us feel in the honour which Mt. Holyoke College has conferred upon Miss Goodrich. The Honorary Degree is an unusual one—Doctor of Science (Sc.D.); and we all feel particularly elated that it should have come to a member of our Faculty, and to one whose untiring efforts in behalf of Nursing should be fittingly recognised. There are five members of our

beloved profession now who have received Honorary Degrees Lillian Wald, an LL.D. of Mt. Holyoke; Mary Gardner, an M.A. of Brown University; Anna Maxwell, an M.A. of Columbia; and now Miss Goodrich and Miss Stimson, Doctors of Science of Mt. Holyoke. Isn't it stirring?"

It just is stirring. And in our opinion this honourable recognition is the direct result of the encouragement of the higher education of nurses in the United States. During the past thirty years no country has moulded so many really fine women in nursing ranks as the United States. They are a class, which injurious economic dependence does not touch. Well-educated, encouraged to think and aspire; their upbringing, and hospital system, have left them entirely free from servility and moral cowardice. Such women can attain and sustain the most honourable recognition. The great American Republic merely honours itself in crowning and encouraging its illustrious daughters.

THE GREEK NURSING UNIT.

Months soon slip away, and, no doubt, now that hostilities are quiescent between the Greeks and Kemalists Turks, the little band of British nurses will soon be returning from Smyrna and Athens, and from all accounts they will leave their work with much regret, as they have enjoyed a real strenuous time, and greatly enjoyed the travel and wonderful change of environment. It will be something lovely to look back upon in future years.

Sister Bellamy, who is acting Matron at Maraslion Hospital, Athens, writes: "In making my morning round I always pop my head out of one of the upstairs ward windows, from which you get a clear and uninterrupted view of the Acropolis and the magnificent rock on which it stands, with the monument of Philopappos beside it; and beyond the blue, blue sea, and in far distance the mountains of the Islands—a perfect picture. I am always afraid I cannot enjoy it enough. Then there is Sykabetos, which is just beside our hospital with the Church of St. George on the top. It is quite a *friend*. I always go out and say 'good morning' to it. I shall simply hate leaving it. With the drachmé at 99.25 to the £1, Greece is very poor just now, and I fear cannot afford us much longer. When it was suggested that we should leave our Director raised his hand to heaven. 'Mais, mon Dieu,' he cried, 'we cannot spare you; we love you too much.' We have a very soft spot in our hearts for the Maraslion, and 'our lambs,' as we call the patients. As Matron and Sister Dumvill as Theatre Sister we still have plenty to do."

GREEK THANKS TO LORD MAYOR.

The Central Union of Political Associations of Greece has addressed to the Lord Mayor of London a telegram expressing the deep gratitude of the Greek people towards the British nation for the

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