

tude of "what is being done for nurses?" instead of taking fate into their own hands and sturdily and honourably resolving that they will have no patronage, nothing that they have not won and paid for, that they will keep themselves so equipped that they will always be able to bring goods to market while health lasts, and that when their trumpet call comes at last they will pass out as benefactors not debtors to the community.

I am, &c.,
TWO ONLOOKERS.

"THE CLOAK OF FRIENDSHIP."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING

DEAR MRS. FENWICK AND MISS BREAY,—I wish I had apt words to give expression of my appreciation of your noble and untiring work for the uplifting of our profession in the B.J.N.

May I ask that the words of the poem, or dedication enclosed, may be allowed to express for me what I feel about it?

With kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

FRANCES MARQUARDT.

THE CLOAK OF FRIENDSHIP.

O moving friends, that unrevealed
Through dusk or dark, or break of day,
Bring seed to bless the common field
Where the worn ploughshare lifts the clay;
Who stand as shadows of a light
More fair than man has wit to see.
Come from your homes of day and night,
And lay the Covering cloak on me.
And in that shelter let me share
The gifts of Time which yet remain,
Ye that gave warmth, and life, and air,
And sought no recompense again.
So shall the Friends I have not wronged
Take root within my life and grow:
This dust of life where once belonged
The hearts I sought to know.

—LAURENCE HOUSMAN.

APPRECIATION OF "THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING."

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—While heartily agreeing with your correspondents who bemoan the loss of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING as a weekly paper, I would like to express our gratitude for all it has done for us. It set out to get Registration for Nurses, and it has succeeded. Who else could have given their time and intellect to this work, as you and Miss Margaret Breay have done?

I should especially like to thank you for putting on record the manner in which Nurses have been betrayed by the heads of their Profession. As long as the Library of the British Museum exists there will always remain a true record and history of the Nursing Profession of the last thirty years, and especially of the manner in which we have been treated by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, with its medical, lay and professional members.

Future generations will read with wonder and contempt of the action of the people who have tried to thwart your every effort for the uplift of the Profession, and will, I am sure, rise up and call you Blessed.

Yours faithfully,

MAUDE MACCALLUM,
Hon. Secretary, Professional
Union of Trained Nurses.

KERNELS FROM CORRESPONDENCE.

Antoinette Schuller, S.R.N.—"I dread to think what Thursday will be like without my copy of the B.J.N., the reading of which has given me the greatest pleasure for the past 25 years. One spark of consolation left us is that we can still look forward to receiving our beloved JOURNAL at least once a month. Without it to whom shall we look for justice and truth in the nursing world. May the fact that you, dear Editor, have fought a long hard fight and achieved victory for the nursing profession, coupled with the admiration, appreciation and gratitude of the 'loyalists' help you to feel your labours have not been in vain, and that there are many who rise up and call you blessed. I do hope you will give yourself a little leisure to enjoy many things in life of which you have deprived yourself."

Edith E. Ellis, S.R.N.—"Is there no way one can help to support the weekly issue of the B.J.N., which has been such a great help and stimulus to many nurses for many years? I have always appreciated the superior tone and high standard and invaluable information on all matters relating to our profession."

Lucy C. Cooper, S.R.N.—"It is with very sincere regret that I read your leading article in the B.J.N. We must not regret, if we can keep our beloved journal with us monthly instead of weekly. Your fight is now over, and you can afford to breathe a little more freely. I sincerely trust all those who have leaned on you for your help in lifting up our profession, and bringing us State Registration, will remember the very real and strenuous time it has meant for you all these years, and will rally round you, so that we may still keep our Journal."

L. F. Bolton.—"Since 1915, when an Australian nurse first showed me the B.J.N., I have been a regular and interested reader. I am not engaged in nursing any more, but it has been most useful in keeping me up-to-date in all nursing questions, and together with other trained nurses I owe you a deep debt of gratitude for the splendid fight you have waged for our profession."

E. Edith Fowler, S.R.N.—"The notice in the B.J.N. I must confess, came somewhat as a shock from a selfish point of view, it being the only means of keeping in touch with all important Nursing progress. With many old 'loyalists,' I would beg you to carry on had you not reached the goal for which you have so bravely fought and won. Now, having reasoned it all out, I do feel you and Miss Breay have decided wisely. Although our loss, may it be your gain."

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