

**Pleasure and Happiness in Canada.**

Miss Alice Torr writes to Miss Breay:—

MY DEAR MISS BREAY,—I cannot tell you with what pleasure and happiness I read the announcement of the British College of Nurses. It seemed such a fitting reward, after all you intrepid pioneers had borne in your fight for professional status for the Nursing Profession.

I am also very proud to think that dear Old England can still lead the way.

With heartiest congratulations,

Yours very sincerely,

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**The most Advanced Movement in Nursing in any Country.**

Miss Beatrice Kent, S.R.N., sends the following extract from a letter from her Canadian friend, Miss Mary Stewart, R.N., who is Superintendent of "The Children's Memorial Hospital," Chicago:—

"I read in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, of the 'British College of Nurses,' and I congratulate the Nurses of England on this most advanced movement in Nursing in any Country. I am so happy that old England is first. While I am here I am still a British subject, and I am proud accordingly."

**Congratulations from Belgium**

From Madame la Comtesse d'Urzel Hennezel:—

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Coming back from my wedding trip, I found THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, with your warm wishes for every happiness.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to all my sisters, the British nurses.

May I also congratulate you, upon the wonderful gift which is going to contribute in such an efficient way to raise the standards of Nursing in the United Kingdom.

I feel very happy for you, and I wish that example might be followed in our country!

Yours Sincerely,

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**B.J.N. carries good news to Finland.**

Miss Lilli Hagen writes from Helsingfors:—

"I have seen from the last issues of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING that there have happened wonderful things a little time ago in the Nursing World in England. I have with deepest interest taken part of all the splendid articles concerning the donation in the B.J.N., which give me an idea what a wealthy and influential body the British College of Nurses will become. I congratulate you most heartily on this splendid Gift.

"Some weeks ago England seemed to be very close to Finland. We are very glad you passed the bad time so easily. We in Finland know too well what a civil war means."

I must ask for the kind indulgence of many correspondents who have written to me for "further information" concerning the Nurses' College. Until the great number of communications in reply to my recent communication have been dealt with, and all Application Forms requisitioned have been sent out—an almost overwhelming task just at present—all letters have been filed, and will be replied to in time.

Before the next issue of this JOURNAL it is probable that the Officers and other members of the Council will have been appointed, and it will, doubtless, be composed

of experienced Registered Nurses, whose aim will be to carefully consider present nursing conditions, and to come into touch with their colleagues, and, in the most sympathetic spirit (without any frills), receive suggestions and help from them—and then to serve their best interests, and those of the community, without fear or favour.

We have urgently needed such a Professional Council ever since our Registration Acts became law, conferring professional responsibility upon us—and we must unite to prove ourselves worthy of it.

Presumably the first meetings of the Council will be concerned in considering the Application Forms of those who desire to be Foundation Fellows and Members, in drafting and considering Bye-Laws (the fewer the better), in approving a Seal and Diploma, and selecting Academic Robes—the latter a momentous question, and one I feel sure of deep interest to a Women's Council!

After routine matters have been considered a survey of work already being well done by other organisations for improvement in Nursing Education, and the Economic and Social conditions of Registered Nurses, and the National Health and Social conditions of the people, should be enquired into, and steps taken to supplement them where necessary.

In every direction Registered Nurses will be encouraged to realise how valuable a factor they are in a nation's well being—not merely as hewers of wood and drawers of water, but as creators, initiators, co-operators, and executors.

The Council will need all the brains it can attract—and is prepared to pay for them. Expression, not suppression, will be its policy—and we all know how careful cultivation brings forth fruit. You cannot jab at the root and expect the fulness of flower. Too long—far too long—we have been planted in the shade, we need a full and sufficient place in the sun if the Registered Nurses of the future are to become strong and effective adjuncts in the scheme of world's health, and that is our laudable ambition. Through our own self-governing College we hope to attain it.

**An Example to Scottish Nurses.**

I feel sure Scottish Nurses will be pleased to know that the *doyenne* of trained nursing in Britain, Mrs. Strong, has applied for election as a Foundation Fellow of the B.C.N., and evidently, from her letter, intends to be present at the historic function, which will take place in London in the Autumn, when the first Diplomas granted by it will be handed to each Fellow and Member by the President—supported by the Members of the Council in their Academic Robes—and, after making a solemn affirmation of professional and personal conduct, will sign the College Roll.

The following is the affirmation:—

**OBLIGATION.**

I.....  
IN THE PRESENCE OF THIS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, DO HEREBY SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT I WILL ALWAYS, AS A REGISTERED NURSE, FULFIL TO THE BEST OF MY POWER AND ABILITY, AND WITHOUT ANY SELFISH CONSIDERATION, EVERY DUTY ENTRUSTED TO ME, IN THE NURSING OF THE SICK; THAT I WILL, IN EVERY WAY, LOYALLY PERFORM MY PROFESSIONAL DUTIES TO THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS UNDER WHOSE DIRECTIONS I SHALL WORK; THAT I WILL ALWAYS REGARD AS A SACRED CONFIDENCE, AND

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