

## DUBLIN UNIVERSITY HONOURS MISS MARGARET HUXLEY, F.B.C.N.

It is with special pleasure we announce that at a Meeting of the Senate of Dublin University, held on March 10th, for the purpose of considering Graces from the Board recommending Hon. Degrees, amongst the names submitted and approved was that of Miss Margaret Huxley, F.B.C.N., for the Hon. Degree of Master of Arts.

The decision is not only an honour to Miss Huxley and to the Profession of Nursing, but also to the Senate of Dublin University, which has recognised that, as the pioneer of scientific nursing in Ireland, it is fitting that recognition should be conferred upon her of an educational character.

Miss Huxley is one of the most distinguished pupils of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, having been trained in its Nursing School in the early 'eighties of the last century, when Miss Ethel Manson (now Mrs. Bedford Fenwick) was Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, and she has devoted the whole of her professional life and work to Ireland. At present Lady Superintendent and Joint Proprietress of Elpis Private Nursing Home, Dublin, she was for many years Lady Superintendent of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital in that city, and to her wise foresight is due the establishment of the Dublin Metropolitan Technical School for Nurses, a Central School which all the Dublin Hospitals and Training Institutions are invited to join, in order to provide systematic teaching and uniform examinations to supplement the practical training given to their pupils in the General Hospitals.

The School, after considerably more than thirty years of usefulness, still continues its good work in connection with the theoretical teaching of candidates for the State Examination in Nursing.

Miss Huxley has a most attractive and forceful personality, and holds a unique position in the nursing world in Ireland. Her opinions are invariably received with respect, and her wise judgment, business ability, and clear insight always command confidence. She has always taken a leading part in the progressive movement for the organisation of Nursing, and with great public spirit and generosity has on many occasions come over to London to attend public meetings, and with deputations, when the interests of her profession demanded it, even during the Great War, when crossing from Dublin to Holyhead certainly entailed very considerable risk to life.

She was present at the historic Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, held in London, in 1899, when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick proposed and Miss Isla Stewart seconded the proposition, "That steps be taken to organize an International Council of Nurses," and, from the platform supported the proposition. She was an early member of the British (now Royal British) Nurses' Association, and the Senior Vice-President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and worked wholeheartedly to secure the Higher Education of Nurses, and the subsequent Registration of those who attain the prescribed standard.

She has been President of the Irish Matrons' Association and the Irish Nurses' Association, and those who attended the Conference of the National Council of Trained Nurses

of Great Britain and Ireland in Dublin, in 1913, convened and organised by the Irish Nurses' Association, one of its affiliated associations, will not soon forget the high professional and ethical tone which, under Miss Huxley's guidance, as President, characterised its deliberations, or the hospitality and charm of that delightful week.

When the Nurses' Registration Acts were passed in 1919, Miss Huxley was appointed by the Government a Member of the First General Nursing Council for Ireland, on which she gave most valuable service.

When the British College of Nurses was founded in 1926, she at once gave it her support and became a Fellow.

Lastly, we must record that she was a Foundation Member of the International Council of Nurses, with the title of Councillor, and has attended the Meetings and Congresses held in Berlin in 1904, Paris in 1907, London in 1909, Cologne in 1912, Helsingfors in 1925, and Geneva in 1927.

Let us hope that she will be present in Montreal next year.

The well deserved recognition of Miss Huxley's life-long service to the sick has aroused the warmest sense of satisfaction and pleasure among her very wide circle of colleagues and friends. E. G. F.

Medical science continues to add to the great wealth of nursing opportunities and along with this increase in opportunities come additional responsibilities. The splendid strong purpose of our nursing leaders has brought our profession to its present rank with other professions, and the same strong purpose will help our students to develop their reasoning powers, to assume the added responsibilities.—  
(M. K. Nelson.)



MISS MARGARET HUXLEY, F.B.C.N.

Pioneer of the Higher Education of Nurses and State Registration in Ireland, Member of the First General Nursing Council for Ireland, who is to receive the Hon. Degree of Master of Arts from Dublin University in June next.

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