

ciated their art in cookery and thought how thoroughly they deserved their beautiful prizes.

It was a disappointment that neither Miss D. E. Bannon, Matron-in-Chief, L.C.C. Nursing Service, nor Dr. F. N. Kay Menzies M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., F.R.S.E., County Medical Officer of Health, was able to be present, and there was great regret at the inability of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, F.B.C.N., to attend.

Miss Elnora E. Thomson, R.N., of Oregon, was elected during the Biennial Convention at Milwaukee, U.S.A., President of the American Nurses' Association for the term 1930-1932, and has an admirable paper in the *American Journal of Nursing* on "Ideals for Service and Education," which was her address read at the opening session of the Convention.

In complying with our request for her photograph, which we here present, Miss Elnora E. Thomson, writes: "Thank you so much for the good wishes for my term of office as President of the American Nurses' Association. One of the things I am looking forward to with much pleasure is the connection which I shall have with the International Council of Nurses, and that I shall come to know the British nurses personally whom I have known so long through the work they have done for nursing."

From Wellington, New Zealand, a member of the B.C.N., informs us: "Legislation is afoot here, the private hospitals are desiring to be allowed to train nurses, but the Registered nurses are fighting against it, thanks to our wide awake senior members." The great Jefferson, of Declaration of Independence fame, was indeed right when he warned his countrymen that "eternal vigilance" was necessary to maintain reforms. New Zealand was the first country to obtain State Registration, in 1901, and we wish our colleagues in that pioneer Dominion success in defence of efficient nursing standards and professional ethics, a success they deserve. The general public should be on the side of efficiently trained nurses. It is to their own interest.

Miss Jessie Holmes, a Founder Member of the British College of Nurses, is in Geneva as a delegate of the newly formed International Association for Equal Rights of Men and Women, and was present at the opening Session

of the Assembly, where she was greatly interested to see leading European statesmen and to come into touch with some of them. Miss Holmes attended the International Women's Association Dinner, and sat at the table of the International Council of Nurses at which Miss Reimann was present. The other International Women's Associations are the Federation of University Women, the International Council of Women, the Alliance of Women, Society for Equal Citizenship, and others. Mme. Avril de Sainte Croix presided over an enthusiastic company.

Miss Holmes has found the international atmosphere at Geneva most inspiring, and has been planting BRITISH JOURNAL acorns, as she considers rightly, that women working internationally in other grooves should understand the aspirations and value of the Nursing Profession. The League of Nations is out on a National Health Campaign amongst the nations. Let us hope they will realise before long what an asset skilled nursing is in the development of human affairs and well being.

### POTENTIAL LEADERS.

Miss Elizabeth C. Burgess, R.N., Professor at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, who has been visiting this country is returning to America this month. Miss Burgess, who is the President of the National League of Nursing Education in the United States, is naturally interested in studying the progress of Nursing Education in other countries, and, on paying a visit to the British College of Nurses, was much pleased with its objects, and keenly

appreciative of its beautiful surroundings and treasures.

At the Thirty-Sixth Annual Convention of the League of Nursing Education at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, last June, Miss Burgess chose as the title of her Presidential Address "Developing Potential Leaders."

Miss Burgess quoted Dr. George Strayer as saying 'Great Leadership is dependent upon professional scholarship, professional insight, and professional imagination, and these are granted only to one who values the cause he serves above everything else in the world.' This, she said, was a great deal to ask, but it was because nursing had been served by such leaders that really remarkable progress had been made. Our present job was to seek out, to encourage and assist young women who are potential leaders.



MISS ELNORA E. THOMSON, R.N., OF OREGON  
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