

Britain, and was one of its official delegates to the Meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses at Copenhagen in 1922, and at Helsingfors in 1925. When the British College of Nurses was founded in 1926 she immediately joined it, and in recognition of her services to the Nursing Profession was appointed by the Trustees as one of its first Vice-Presidents.

Probably the greatest interest in her life, and the one from which she obtained the greatest enjoyment, was the International Council of Nurses, to which she rendered valuable service. She was a familiar and arresting figure at its meetings and Congresses, and her genial personality attracted nurses of many nationalities, an attraction which led frequently to the establishment of warm and enduring friendships. She was a delightful travelling companion, a good comrade, straight, honourable and loyal, and a rarely affectionate friend.

She came of a literary stock, and loved beautiful things in literature, in art, in old furniture and china, but outdoor sports also held an attraction for her capacious mind, and her affection for animals, especially for her Yorkshire terriers, who returned it in full measure, is well known.

It may interest some of her friends to know that she was a godchild of the late Rev. E. F. Russell of St. Alban's, Holborn, to whom her father was at one time tutor.

For some years now she has been in indifferent health, and those who cared for her felt that her hold on life was precarious. To many of them the world will seem a poorer place lacking her affectionate and kindly presence.

She was one of those women one grudged to celibacy, realising what a splendid mother she would have made, instinct as she was with every maternal virtue. M. B.

LAI D IN A LOVELY RESTING PLACE.

All those acquainted with her long and distinguished career in the Nursing Profession, will learn with deep sorrow of the death of Miss Helen Lucy Pearse, late Superintendent of the London County Council School Nursing Service, which took place on Wednesday, December 27th, at the Benslow Nursing Home, Hitchin.

She was buried two days later, on December 29th.

There was not time, therefore, to notify many of her friends who would no doubt have wished to pay a last tribute to their warm hearted colleague.

The funeral service, conducted by the Rector, Canon Morgan Smith, and the Rev. F. Wingate Pearse, brother, was held at St. Nicholas, the Old Parish Church of Stevenage.

Many beautiful floral tributes covered the coffin, among them those sent by the Rev. and Mrs. Wingate Pearse; the Rev. C. Pearse; Dr. Goold; Mr. S. Goold and Mrs. Frank Harrison.

A beautiful wreath of white lilies, hyacinths, jonquils and pink chrysanthemums, with the inscription "With affectionate remembrance and gratitude from Ethel G. Fenwick, President, and the Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain"; from the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, "in loving memory and with deepest sympathy," a wreath of white arum lilies, chrysanthemums and red tulips; a very handsome wreath bearing the inscription, "with sincere affection and deep regard from the London County Council School Nursing Staff"; Miss S. A. Villiers, a cross of white

arum lilies and scarlet carnations; the Misses Bryson, mauve tulips and violets.

Among members of the family present were: Mrs. Wingate Pearse, the Rev. C. Pearse, Dr. Goold, Mr. E. Goold, Mrs. Frank Harrison; Miss S. A. Villiers (who represented the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain), and Miss A. S. Bryson, the representative of the British College of Nurses.

Laid to rest in the ancient churchyard of this beautiful Norman and fourteenth century church of St. Nicholas, approached by a grand avenue of old lime and chestnut trees, we feel that Helen Pearse, a lover of nature and things beautiful, could not have been laid in a lovelier resting place.

A. S. B.

NEW YEAR'S HONOURS.

According to custom, columns of New Year's Honours were announced in the press on January 1st, and after wading through nine columns of *The Times*, find that women will enjoy the reflected glory of their men folk's honours, and that their own sphere of recognitions falls usually in philanthropic fields. The omission of "intellectuals" is as usual specially marked.

Congratulations to Canada.

We are specially pleased, therefore, to note that Miss Helen MacMurchy, M.D., lately Chief, Division of Child Welfare, Department of Pensions and National Health of Canada, and a warm and intelligent friend of Registered Nurses and their great International Council, has been awarded a C.B.E. (Civil Division).

Miss Edith Catherine Rayside, R.R.C., Superintendent of Hamilton General Hospital, Ontario, Canada, has been awarded the same distinction.

Miss Elizabeth Laurie Smellie, R.R.C., Chief Superintendent, Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada, is also made Commander of the British Empire.

They share these honours with quite a number of ladies recognised for social and welfare services.

Miss Nancy Eleanor Dunn, of Sunset Prairie, British Columbia, is made M.B.E. for services in outpost nursing in the Peace River Settlements.

Miss Elizabeth Agnes Pearston, of Grand Prairie, Alberta, for effective administration of outpost hospital services, and Miss Annie Montgomery, of Lethbridge, Alberta, for long-continued service as head of the Nursing Mission, are also made M.B.E.

As Nursing qualifications, unlike medical qualifications, are not notified, we do not know whether these ladies are nurses or not.

Miss Flora MacDonald Biggar, Nursing Sister, Kenya, is made M.B.E.

Kaisar-I-Hind Gold Medal.

BURTON, MISS ALEXANDER ISABEL, Lady Superintendent, Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, Muree, Punjab, is awarded the Kaisar-I-Hind Gold Medal.

FALKINER, MISS CONSTANCE, Lady Superintendent of Nursing, Medical College Hospitals, Calcutta, Bengal, is awarded the Kaisar-I-Hind Gold Medal.

M.B.E. (Civil Division).

CREECH, MISS EVELYN, A.R.R.C., Lately Matron of Mossley Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Liverpool.

LAWRENCE, MISS ISABEL, R.R.C., lately Matron of the Star and Garter Home at Richmond for Disabled Sailors and Soldiers.

TURNER, MISS EDITH MAY, Matron, Royal Eastern Counties Institution for the Mentally Defective, Colchester.

ROYAL RED CROSS.

Decoration of the Royal Red Cross, First Class.

MARTIN, SISTER BERTHA MARION, A.R.R.C., Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.

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