

of Nursing. She appears to have settled down very happily with the group and we have good reports of her work in the hospitals."

Yours sincerely,
ALICIA LLOYD STILL,
President.

The President pointed out that the Council had been enabled to make the grant of £50 owing mainly to the very generous donations contributed at the Memorial Florence Nightingale Service in the Chapel of St. Thomas's Hospital, on her birthday. Hospital chapel and church collections had resulted in liberal support for the Scholarship Fund on Thanksgiving Day.

Letter of Thanks from Miss Dorothy M. Dickinson.
"The World Nursing Service."

Charing Cross Hospital, W.C.
August 29th, 1935.

To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,

President, National Council of Nurses.

"DEAR MADAM,—At the close of my year as a student of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, I wish to again express my thanks to you, Madam President, and through you to the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, for granting me the first Scholarship under the new regime, and affording me this invaluable opportunity.

I have only been working a few weeks in Hospital again, but even in this short time realise the great value of the Course, and no doubt in the years to come I shall appreciate even more fully what a wonderful experience I have had. Undoubtedly the greatest value of the Course is the widening of one's outlook. The numerous visits of observation are most enlightening, one sees Hospitals and Institutions all working for the good of Humanity in their own particular sphere and one is continually absorbing new ideas for one's own future work.

The amount of time allotted to social work in the Public Health course is most valuable for Hospital work. It gives one a greater insight into the social background of the patients attending Hospital and should help one, in the future, to deal with them more tactfully and adequately.

The many aspects of Psychology which are given in the Course are not only intensely interesting but of the greatest help in dealing with patients and I think it would be a great asset to Nurses if simple Psychology could be included in the Curriculum.

All the subjects in the Course which bear on Public Health are most helpful and particularly the Preventive aspect of Medicine and the After Care Organisations, and when one re-enters Hospital one realises the need there is for the teaching of Preventive Medicine and Health Propaganda in the Nurses' general course. How many opportunities are missed by Nurses because they do not know the right advice to give when asked for it? If we had time and knowledge to give adequate advice to every patient on leaving Hospital how far reaching the results might be.

One of the greatest benefits of the happy year at the Florence Nightingale International House, is without doubt, the opportunity of living with Nurses from so many different countries, and the interchange of thoughts and ideas which are possible through the little chats one has at odd moments and in odd places when one discusses every aspect of Nursing. It quite alters one's outlook and feeling towards Turkish nurses, for instance, to find that the technique of Theatre work is the same in Istanbul as it is for the English probationer and that the Turkish Nurses are now visiting the smaller villages, carrying on Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics and beginning Health Propaganda as we are in England.

All the countries seem to have well-established Poly-clinics and Health Centres and are deeply in earnest in their desire to improve the National Health.

After such a wonderful year's experience one is filled with a great enthusiasm, and one ceases to be a Nurse or Sister attached to any particular Hospital but enters the ranks of the World Nursing Service, working for the good of humanity.

Madam President and Members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, I thank you again most sincerely for the opportunity you have afforded me, and I trust I may never lose the vision of this year.

Believe me,
Yours faithfully,
DOROTHY M. DICKINSON.

Nightingale Bricks.
Florence Nightingale International House,
15, Manchester Square, W.1.
October 22nd, 1935.

"DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—Some months ago I was very interested to read in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, the account of the presentation of bricks from Florence Nightingale's home in South Street.

We are building a new Hospital and Nurses' Home in Invercargill, New Zealand, and in the old building of this hospital I trained and have worked since graduation in 1926. I visited the building just prior to leaving New Zealand, and the thought occurred to me how appropriate it would be if one of the bricks could be incorporated in the Foundation Stone of our Nurses' Home.

Of course I did not know if a brick would be available, but before leaving New Zealand I wrote our Hospital Board, asking their permission to obtain one if that would be possible, and I have received a letter in which they express their hearty approval and trust I shall be able to procure one.

I now write to you, asking if I might talk with you on the matter.

I am enclosing a letter of introduction from Miss Lambie (Registrar and Director, Division of Nursing, the Nurses' and Midwives' Registration Board, Wellington, N.Z.), and hope I shall have the pleasure of meeting you at your convenience."

Very sincerely yours,
E. RUTH BRIDGES

(Member, 1935-1936 Group of Internationals).

To Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,
Hon. President, Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

The President reminded the Council that during Nightingale Week in 1932 quite a number of international delegates were given bricks from 10, South Street, and the valuable suggestion that they might be incorporated in the building of new Nurses' Homes came from Miss Grace Fairley, of the General Hospital, Vancouver.

It was unanimously agreed that a Nightingale Brick should be presented to Miss E. Ruth Bridges with the good wishes of the Council.

Representative on the Mariabella Fry and E. M. Eden Memorial Benevolent Fund.

The President reported that Miss M. C. Kennedy had notified that Miss Silvia Vian's term of office as the representative of the Council on the Committee of the Fund had expired, and expressing great appreciation of her services. As the representative had to reside in Somersetshire, she had renominated Miss Vian, and asked that this action should be endorsed.

The Council approved the renomination of Miss Vian.

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