

delphia, made Miss Palmer (without her knowledge and consent) with herself, the entity, assuming the ownership and responsibility. They were thus made personally responsible for all liabilities of the *American Journal of Nursing* from October, 1900, to October, 1902, when the stockholders were at last incorporated.

Further, the collaborators, each of whom was responsible for a department, not only worked without pay but refused it with indignation. Miss Lavinia Dock (who had charge of the Foreign Department) wrote to Miss Mary Riddle, the treasurer, from Berlin on November 20th, 1904:

"I really, positively and definitely will not take a cent from the *Journal* so long as it is having hard times and looking so thin and forlorn. That which has already been paid I will put into stock as soon as I get accounts from my bank at home. So please do not send any more for I will not take it. If you like to put it aside and then get stock with it all right."

Miss Riddle was then, and until 1932, treasurer of the Board of Directors of the *American Journal of Nursing* Company. "Her sound business judgment, her wise counsel, her tolerance, her sense of justice, and her familiarity with all the details of the *Journal's* history were of untold benefit to the changing members of the Board through all those years."

"Although individual nurses and alumnae associations subscribed to the funds to establish it, the *Journal* was regarded from the first as the 'official organ' of the entire nursing profession, and it was always intended that the Nurses' Associated Alumnae should purchase the stock as soon as it could afford to do so. The nucleus of the fund to buy the *Journal* was eight dollars—four dollars each given by Mrs. Robb and Miss Nutting and representing the 1903 dividend on their shares of *Journal* stock. The first share of stock owned by the Nurses' Associated Alumnae was one given by Miss Dock at the convention in May, 1934."

In June, 1912, Miss Sarah Sly, President of the American Nurses' Association, reported "that the organisation at last owned all *Journal* stock." Thus the responsibility borne so long by few was taken over by the whole organised nursing profession.

"It was some years, however, before the nursing association had a large enough membership to support even a small office. Therefore, during its first year or two the *Journal* was 'housed' in the editor's trunk; and until it was twelve years old the editorial office was located, rent free in Miss Palmer's home, which was for some years at 247, Brunswick Street, Rochester, New York.

"Miss Sophia Palmer served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal* from its first issue in October, 1900, until her sudden death in 1920." An appointment to fill Miss Palmer's place as editor was not made until January, 1921, and it was August of that year before Miss Mary M. Roberts, the present editor, assumed her new duties. The appointment was made as co-editor with Miss De Witt, but it was presently found advisable to designate Miss Roberts editor and Miss De Witt managing editor."

Nurses sometimes ask why the dues paid to the American Nurses' Association have not been made to include the *Journal* subscription. It is interesting to learn that "including the subscription to the *Journal* in the annual dues of all associations was a definite part of the re-organisation plan, but during the latter part of 1918, owing to the shortage of paper, a request came from the Government that this practice be discontinued."

"Greatly daring", the *American Journal of Nursing* Company has greatly succeeded as its courageous and altruistic promoters deserved to succeed.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The King has appointed Queen Mary to be Grand Master of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in succession to himself. His Majesty, who was appointed Grand Master at the inception of the Order in 1917, automatically became Sovereign of the Order on his accession to the Throne.

Queen Mary is the first woman to be Grand Master of any of the Orders of Chivalry.

When King George instituted the Order for "special services to the Empire," he privately invested Queen Mary as Dame Grand Cross shortly before the first public investiture at Buckingham Palace. The Queen attended the latter ceremony wearing the insignia and the jewel of her rank.

It will devolve on her Majesty, as Grand Master to affix her "sign manual"—her signature—to the Grant of Dignity issued to each person admitted to the Order.

The memorial to King George V will take the form of a statue of his late Majesty in some noble setting in London, and a philanthropic scheme of a specific character which will benefit the whole country.

A resolution to that effect was carried at a large meeting representative of Great Britain and the Empire at the Mansion House, recently convened by the Lord Mayor of London.

The Home Office has purchased and equipped an old country house at Falfield, Gloucestershire, as a Home Office school for the instruction of representatives of the public services in air raid precautions.

The school is to open in April, and those who will be trained include doctors, nurses, police officers, firemen, and transport, gas, water, and dock employees.

The French Government has passed a Bill authorising the presentation to the Canadian Government in perpetuity of a plot of land five acres in extent, contiguous to the Canadian Cemetery at Vimy. The gift is "to make possible certain improvements in the Cemetery where so many defenders of Vimy Ridge lie buried."

The terrible toll of young life from accidents and sporting risks makes sad the day for those who realise the grief of those who lose their beloved children. Who could read the following obituary notice in *The Times* without heart-ache?

GRAHAM.—Killed by an avalanche in the Himalayas with his two companions, Lieutenants A. R. Hingston and J. L. Nolan, Royal Engineers, while ski-ing at Khillanmarg, Kashmir, John Keillour Cosmo Moray Graham, 2nd Batt, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, aged 21 years, elder and idolised son of Captain Cosmo Graham, Royal Navy, and Mrs. Graham, of Monks Park, Wadhurst, Sussex.

"The bloom, whose petals nipt before they blew
Died on the promise of the fruit, is waste;
The broken lily lies—the storm is overpast.
He has outsoared the shadow of our night,
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,
And that unrest which men miscall delight,
Can touch him not, and torture not again;
From the contagion of the world's slow stain
He is secure, and now can never mourn
A heart grown cold, a head grown grey in vain,
He is a portion of the loveliness
Which once he made more lovely."

"With fair and flower-like face
A blue-eyed phantom far before
Is laughing, leaping, toward the sun."

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