

A WELL-DESERVED HONOUR.

MISS MARY I. LAMBIE, O.B.E.

For many years the devoted work of Miss Mary I. Lambie for the education of nurses and the care of the sick in New Zealand has been recognised by her colleagues in the International Council of Nurses, especially in Great Britain, and we are proud that the first good wishes to reach us from overseas for a Happy New Year came from this greatly admired colleague, whose vision penetrates far into the future.

It is with sincere pleasure that we learn from the *New Zealand Nursing Journal* that her services have been recognised as follows:—

"Amongst those who received honours at the investiture held by the Governor-General and Viscountess Galway at Government House, Wellington, on October 6th, was Miss Mary I. Lambie, Director of Nursing for New Zealand, who had the O.B.E. conferred upon her.

"Miss Lambie was born in Christchurch and was educated at Miss Bowen's Private School and the Christchurch Girls' High School where she passed her Medical Preliminary examination. She trained as a nurse at the Christchurch General Hospital and later obtained Midwifery (St. Helens Hospital, Wellington) and Plunket Certificates, and also the Diploma of Public Health, Toronto University.

"After serving for a short time in the Education Department she was transferred to the Health Department in 1920, and since then by her keen interest and zeal in all matters pertaining to

nursing she has made valuable contribution to the nursing profession. Miss Lambie was in charge during the Napier earthquake and the subsequent reorganisation in February, 1931, and in April of that year attained her present position of Director of Nursing.

"In addition to her newly won honour, she has the Jubilee and Coronation Medals and is a Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

We feel sure members of the National Council of Nurses in Great Britain will wish to convey to Miss Lambie, through its official organ, their pleasure and congratulations upon the well-deserved recognition bestowed upon her.

To save time we have ventured to reproduce the portrait of Miss Lambie from the *New Zealand Nursing Journal*.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

The *Nursing Journal of India* for December proves how keenly alive is the nursing profession in that great Empire. We gather this from the admirable report of the Annual Meeting of the Trained Nurses' Association, held at Mysore in November—presided over by the President, Miss Chadwick, S.R.N., S.C.M., F.B.C.N.—and which was an occasion of marvellous inspiration and generous hospitality. We sincerely regret to read the following editorial pronouncement:—

"In sharp contrast to the kindness, sympathy and hospitality we received our business sessions were extremely serious.

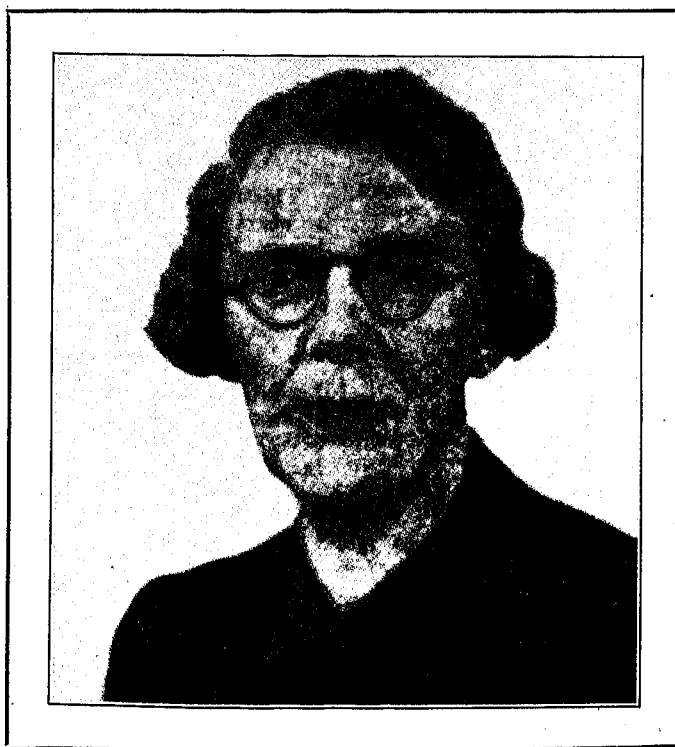
"The Nursing Profession of India has encountered many difficulties, but has never had to face such a dire

disaster as the Madras Government Nursing Reorganisation Order. We have long been distressed by the understaffing of hospitals, which not only means overwork for the Nurses, but makes good bedside Nursing and individual care of the patients impossible; although there is not a Nurse who would not make any necessary sacrifice for the good of the sick. We feel the order as it stands will not provide more suitable Nurses, but will undo the progress of 80 years. India is not at war, there has been no national disaster, therefore surely a grateful Country should do everything possible to help, rather than further impose upon its most willing, patriotic and self-sacrificing workers.

"Although it is a retrogressive step, it would not be so difficult to accept the 50 per cent. cut in the salaries, were it absolutely necessary for the good of the Country, but to stop the Nurses' food allowance is a very hard measure. We also feel that the Nurses, like other people, might have been appealed to, or consulted.

"It is well known that, whatever happens, Nurses will stand loyally by their patients; but we feel that the Order has been hastily passed without a true understanding of our Profession or the importance of our work. We have had great faith in the authorities, and believe that since the matter has now been brought before them, the order will be speedily modified."

Our colleagues in India have all our sympathy, as government without consent is also the fate of the *intelligentsia* in the mother country.



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