

Margaret Breay died on December 19th, 1939. She entered the School of Nursing of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, in 1885, and after a varied and interesting professional career at home and abroad became associate editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. For more than 40 years, the close collaboration existing between the editor-in-chief, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Miss Breay resulted in the production of a professional journal characterised by originality, fearless thinking, and invincible courage.

"Everything which Miss Breay wrote had a distinction all its own. Future historians will be grateful for her vivid and authoritative accounts of important national and international nursing events in which she herself took an important part. Time cannot destroy the vitality and charm of her narrative.

"Even at the end, the gallant spirit did not falter. Although she was very ill when war broke out, she refused to have a fire in her room because 'it was taking it from the soldiers.' Of Margaret Breay it may truly be said that she was worthy of the honourable tradition to which her life was dedicated."

Expression of sympathy and respect from the International President.

The following expression of sympathy and respect has been received from Miss Effie J. Taylor, President of the International Council of Nurses, with the request that it be published in this Journal:—

"The International Council of Nurses, through the pages of *The Canadian Nurse*, records its deep sympathy and personal loss in the passing of Miss Margaret Breay, who has given more than half a century of service to the profession of nursing, and has devoted herself to its interests both as a national figure in English nursing and as one of the first members of the International Council of Nurses.

"Miss Breay, while modest and retiring in personality, was a woman of marked intellectual ability and had great facility in writing.

"As assistant editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING for over 40 years, Miss Breay was known wherever that Journal was distributed, and side by side with its brilliant editor, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, she endeavoured to hold fast the standards of nursing in which they so firmly believed.

"Miss Breay will be greatly missed when the International Council of Nurses again assembles, as she has been a prominent member of the Grand Council, as a representative from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and has served the International Council of Nurses as an officer and as a committee member for over 40 years.

Unselfish devotion such as that shown by Miss Breay is seldom found.

"It is with a deep sense of obligation to Miss Breay as a personality and as a devoted and valued member of the profession of nursing, that the International Council of Nurses extends its sympathy to her close associates in England, and records our own loss in the death of one of our most esteemed and useful members."

"THE INTERNATIONAL NURSING REVIEW."

To quote the Editor: "The outbreak of war ends abruptly many of the activities of the International Council of Nurses, among them the publication of the *International Nursing Review*, which ceases to appear for an indefinite period. . . . It now only remains for me, as Editor of the *Review*, to thank our readers for their interest and support. We who have been responsible for this part of

the work of the International Council of Nurses have found it most enjoyable, and have derived deep satisfaction, not only from its intrinsic interest, but above all from the knowledge that all over the world it has been greeted with understanding and appreciation. . . .

"It is a sad thing that the publication of such a journal as this should cease. Our dearest hope is that it will not be for long, and that international collaboration in the sphere of nursing, which the Council exists to further, will once again become possible on the cessation of war. Until that

date, let us maintain unflinchingly our faith in the profession of nursing. Let us reflect that when the International Council of Nurses returns to complete activity its success will depend on the extent to which nurses all over the world have kept alive the precious faith."

This last issue of the *Review* is as ever truly international in its compilation, and contains articles of great interest. The illustrations are beautifully produced.

The Editor of this Journal, who had the honour to propose the founding of the International Council of Nurses in the year 1899, and who has served on the Publications Committee of the Council since its inception, expresses thanks to her colleagues who form the Committee at the present time for their expert and invaluable services.

Chairman, Miss M. M. Roberts, U.S.A.; Frau Oberin Anni Brandt, Germany; Miss C. R. Clark, New Zealand; Mrs. H. C. Horwood, South Africa; Miss Ethel Johns, Canada; Mlle. Piron, Belgium; Miss Pohjala, Finland; and the Editor, Miss Anna Schwarzenberg. She feels sure they will reassemble to spread the light at an early date.



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Discussing the condition of patients with the Matron.

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