

the touch of her hand, nor to the sound of her soft voice, nor marvel at her exquisite tact and charm and unflinching sweetness and courtesy.

Truly she was a binder of spells, and all who knew her—loved her. To her patients she was all tenderness and gentleness, and many were the deeds of her generosity quietly performed on their behalf. Her nurses found in her a sure guide and friend, and a wonderful example, and her colleagues well knew her gifts of character and intellect. She was great fun, too, and a lovable tease, and on social occasions a most perfect and peerless hostess.

And now she is gone hence and we are left behind. Until we meet her again we shall cherish her memory, emulate her example, take pride in the profession she so nobly graced and WE SHALL NOT FORGET.—G. M. H.

### NEWS OF EMBLEY PARK.

The Embley Park estate, near Romsey, Hants, has been sold; it realised £72,000, certain lots being withdrawn.

The Nursing Profession will learn with pleasure that the lovely house itself and historic grounds are still in the occupation of Mrs. J. J. Crosfield, so that we may hope that she will be kind enough to share its Nightingale traditions with us as she, with the late Mr. Crosfield, has done for so many years, with such generosity and hospitality.

The Nightingale grave in East Wellow Churchyard will still remain a shrine to which trained nurses may pay homage.

As to immortality, my conviction stands thus: If there be anything in me, that is of permanent worth and service to the universe, the universe will know how to preserve it. Whatsoever in me is not of permanent worth, neither can nor should be preserved.—H. J. Bridges.

### THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

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October 9th, 1941.

MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK, *President*,  
THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN,  
19, Queen's Gate,  
London, S.W.7., England.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK:

I cannot tell you how happy your long and interesting letter made me, and at this very moment I should write you a letter in long hand instead of sending it typed. But I fear that you would not be able to read any writing of mine for it is not nearly so plain as yours. Then, too, if I do not get this letter dictated to-night, I fear that it may lapse for several days longer as I am carrying a very heavy programme of correspondence in relation to several projects we are attempting in the School of Nursing itself and in the University in a broader way, in connection with the Government activities of the United States (in connection with nursing for defence).

I expect that I shall have to go to Washington this week to meet with members of the U.S. Public Health service. If the projects which I have in mind are

approved, I will be extremely busy the rest of the year.

It was dear of you to write me such a friendly letter and I appreciate your friendship and confidence more than I can tell you. During these days we need all the support and help that we can give each other for our ideals, affection and friendship are the only tangible things which support us at the present time.

I was so interested in your tracing of your relationship to Lord Halifax. We admire him very much over here and, as I stated before, I was very happy to be on the platform with him as I presented our graduating class to the President to receive their degrees. He appeared interested and looked up, somewhat surprised, I believe, in that the nursing students were presented in exactly the same way as Medical, Divinity and other students were for their degrees.

You will be interested to know that we have admitted to our class this year seventy-six students, all of whom hold Bachelor or Master's degrees in either arts or science. We are very proud of them, and we are noting in these difficult times that more and more highly prepared young women are desirous of entering nursing. This I am sure you will be glad to hear.

What the future holds for us only time will tell, but I have faith to believe that nursing, because of its deep service significance, will stand like a rock and advance beyond anything we have the vision to imagine.

With relation to the Council, it is very difficult for us to gather together news which is very inspiring. So many of our letters addressed to our members are returned unopened—some do not pass the censor and, in certain areas, postal service has been suspended altogether. We have not heard from Norway for some time. We do get occasional letters from Denmark, Sweden and a few of the other countries on the continent. I wish that I could give you more information concerning our members, but our news is very meagre.

I am going to send a copy of your letter to Miss Nutting; it is so interesting that I know she will be glad to see it. I am sure that if she knew I was writing you, she would send her greetings.

With kind regards for your colleagues at the Council, particularly Miss Villiers and Miss Bushby, I am

Affectionately yours,

EFFIE J. TAYLOR, *President*.

P.S.—You will be glad to know that the JOURNAL comes through without fail. I am always so glad to hear from our friends in Britain through this medium.

The Right Hon. Viscount Halifax, K.G., Britain's Ambassador to the United States of America, recently received an academic honour at Yale University, New Haven, U.S.A., and we visualised our International President, Dean Effie Taylor, head of the celebrated Nursing School attached thereto, seated beside him on the platform with other dignitaries on this honourable occasion, and so she did! An event in which we felt special interest owing to family traditions. Many of our National Council members are pleased to read of Dean Effie's activities, and the more letters she sends us the better.

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