

Ten Years' Work of Distinction in Britain's Oldest Colony.

Our colleagues will be interested to learn that Miss M. M. Sim is returning shortly to this country after 10 years' distinguished service in St. John's, Newfoundland.

In their decision to reorganise the Mental Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1930, the management was faced with the difficult problem of securing a matron equal to the task.

Acting on the advice of the medical superintendent, Dr. Thomas Anderson, an appeal to the President of the British College of Nurses for help on the subject resulted in the appointment of a member of that College, Miss M. M. Sim, who, having the double qualification of a General State Registered Nurse and a Registered Mental Nurse, was fully qualified for this appointment.

Miss Sim's organising ability was soon realised by the authorities, and she was specially complimented in official reports.

The Medical Superintendent, in expressing his gratitude, said: "It was essential to have a highly-trained nurse who had specialised in mental nursing, and that the government were fortunate in having Miss Sim for such an undertaking.

"From the first it was apparent that her devotion to duty and high executive ability would prove of much value. With economical efficient management the Institution rapidly became transformed. In all departments under her control that evidence of discipline and efficiency so necessary was to be recognised and the state of the Institution caused much favourable comment from all who officially, or otherwise, visited it."

We congratulate Miss Sim on the useful work of the past 10 years which she has rendered and shall look forward to learning some experiences of her sojourn in Newfoundland, which must be varied, in view of the tribulation which the people of this island are suffering.

Miss Sim hopes, when she arrives in the Old Country, to find a secluded spot in which to live.

The Secretary of the College has received the following kind letter from U.S.A.:

"DEAR SECRETARY,—May I express my sincere sympathy to all British people at this time, when such outrageous attacks on London and other cities, are the cause of many deaths and injuries. We are all very proud of your courage, and know you will be victorious in the end.

"If you heard President Roosevelt's radio speech last night, you will know that America realises that England is fighting for this country as well as her own, and is ready to give all the help she can.

"The JOURNALS are still coming very regularly, for which I am thankful. I am enclosing two guineas, my yearly subscription for Fellowship of the College.

"Are you needing money at the College?"

Sincerely yours,

EVALINE H. HAWKINS, R.N.,
Detroit, Mich., U.S.A."

Such letters are the greatest help in maintaining our good spirits, and we all realise that the Fellows and Members of the British College, wherever they may be, are with us heart and soul in our struggle with evil.

Do we need money at the College? Indeed we do—see "A Lifetime of Beneficent Work."



MISS M. M. SIM, F.B.C.N.,
Matron of the Mental Hospital, St. Johns,
Newfoundland.

NIGHTINGALEIANA.

"GOD'S PRECIOUS GIFT OF LIFE."

Amongst valued New Year's greetings we have received from Miss Annie W. Goodrich, R.N., Sc.D., M.A., Dean Emeritus, Yale University School of Nursing, and an Hon. President of the International Council of Nurses, a charming little lettercard, inscribed:—

"God's Precious Gift of Life is often literally placed in the Nurse's hands."

Florence Nightingale's "Notes on Nursing,"

with the replica of a lovely pencil-sketch of the head of "Florence Nightingale, 1845."

The value and interest of this card is greatly enhanced by its inscription by Miss Goodrich, as we all know her as one of the most eminent nurses in the world, greatly beloved at home and abroad.

"DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

You will perhaps be interested to know that this little card was issued this year by the Californian Nurses for their quota for the F.N.I.F. fund.

"It seems to me to present in tangible form the unquenchable flame of belief in ultimate good.

"These nurses know of the destruction of the International House, and that splendid cause so fraught with promise of each

effort of human understanding, is discontinued, but they know also that great work cannot be destroyed.

"England's at oneness in a great cause is putting courage into all our hearts.

"Your reply six years ago to my question 'Aren't you afraid?' 'I am never afraid' rings in my ears. May we meet the future as through your wisdom, courage and unceasing activity you have.

"My most earnest wishes for your health and welfare, this little card conveys."

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