

their very intimate duties. Miss Udell was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford; she is also a midwife, and has experience in fever nursing and Public Health work.

We presume this flock of nurses will be allocated to the less progressive European countries; Scandinavia and Belgium could teach us a thing or two on modern nursing education.

We were not surprised to read in the *Times* that Miss Florence Horsbrugh, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health, was shouted down by the Gibraltar evacuees when she tried to reassure them that "no time has being lost" in having them repatriated. The fact is hundreds of them have been herded in camp for months, since last July, without work or wages. We are not surprised they resent it.

When seated in the House of Commons during the debate on the Nurses' Bill, 1943, the determined manner in which this autocratic unprofessional official pushed the de-grading Clauses through, downing amendments, made one's blood boil.

We are glad to learn that Members of Parliament of both Houses are organising a "Fighting Fund for Freedom." It is high time if we are to have an ounce of independence left.

It is a relief to know that the Home Secretary has been compelled to agree to an investigation into the L.C.C. Remand Home scandal, where it is alleged a little girl of seven was sent to associate with young inmates of immoral character, suffering with venereal disease.

It is to be regretted that the inquiry is being held in private.

Mr. Russell Vick, K.C., and Miss Myra Curtis, who are conducting the inquiry into the L.C.C. Remand Homes, sit at the Law Courts. Communications about the inquiry should be addressed to the Secretary, Mr. Richard Forge, the Children's Branch, Home Office, Princes Gate, South Kensington.

It is high time a representative committee was formed by the L.C.C., other than the medical committee, of which Dr. Somerville Hastings is Chairman, which apparently excludes representative Registered Nurses. The L.C.C. employs thousands of professional nurses, and they have no power of expression whatever on the Council, and in consequence, nursing fails, under its direction, to make the progress it should do; indeed, retrograde steps are often taken.

For instance, a foreign-born nurse, German Swiss, we believe, is acting Matron-in-Chief at a salary of some £1,200 per annum. Semi-trained Assistant Nurses are eligible for service in connection with the School Nursing Section; as for the prestige of the office of Matron, it has sadly depreciated of recent years. They no longer select their junior staff, and bob about at the end of the headquarters telephone even on domestic matters.

Yes, indeed, a Nursing Committee is needed without delay to protect the interests of the nursing department on the London County Council.

## INTERNATIONAL NURSING NEWS.

### YALE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING ALUMNÆ NEWS, 1944.

We have received a copy of *Alumnæ News*, 1944, which has been dedicated to Dean Effie Taylor, President of the International Council of Nurses, upon her retirement as Head of the Yale School of Nursing, U.S.A.

#### DEDICATION.

"In dedicating this issue of the *News* to Effie J. Taylor, Dean of the School of Nursing, 1934-1944, the alumnæ express their gratitude to her for the part she has had in their professional education. She stands always for high attainment and growth through the acquisition of specific knowledge, in skill of hand, in understanding human nature, and in ability to render useful service.

"In these pages are recorded many tributes to Miss Taylor. We alumnæ are pleased by the recent honours and recognition which have come to her."

From the records of the President and Fellows of Yale University:

"... Voted, that the title of Dean of the School of Nursing and Professor of Nursing Emeritus be conferred upon Dean Taylor and that the secretary be directed to express to her the appreciation of the President and Fellows for the 20 years of devoted and valuable service which she has given to the University."

From the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Permanent Officers, Yale University School of Medicine, June 7th, 1944:

"... In the New Haven Hospital, Miss Taylor's outstanding achievement was perhaps her success in securing an unusually well-prepared and highly selected group of women as head nurses and faculty members through the joint system of appointment by the hospital and school. . . . So far as the School of Nursing was concerned, Dean Taylor's administration has been notable for her careful selection of students and for the intimate connections established with the colleges from which these students came to Yale. Her administration was characterised by a phenomenal growth in size, from 88 students in 1934 to 202 in 1944.

"... Her influence has been not merely national, but world-wide. She has served as President of the International Council of Nurses since 1937, and, through many trips abroad and through untiring courtesy to guests from other countries, her influence has spread to every corner of the globe."

On May 28th, 1944, Keuka College conferred upon Miss Taylor the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters: "... because of her professional eminence and because of the intelligence, the vision, the honesty, the kindness of spirit and sincere love of her fellow-men which have characterised her work . . ."

As students, alumnæ, and associates, we have gained immeasurably from Dean Taylor's sympathy and understanding. She has been a vital part of the School since it was founded, and, therefore, is known personally to each alumna.

Our good wishes go with her and while we shall miss her in the School of Nursing, we look forward to her continued leadership in nursing.

IRMA M. BIEHNSEN, *President.*

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