

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

The National League of Nursing Education announced on May 5th, 1944, the first issue of a medal in honour of Miss Mary Adelaide Nutting, Professor Emeritus of Nursing Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, was presented to Miss Nutting by Miss Stella Goostray, President of the League and Chairman of the National Nursing Council for War Service, in a simple ceremony held at Miss Nutting's home on the campus. The League plans to award this medal from time to time in recognition of outstanding leadership in nursing education.

The original plaque from which the medal, in reduced size, was cast, was designed by Malvina Hoffman and was presented to the National League of Nursing Education on its 50th Anniversary in June, 1943, by a group of Miss Nutting's colleagues and former students. On its obverse side is the profile of Miss Nutting as a young superintendent of nurses and the inscription, "Mary Adelaide Nutting Award." The reverse side carries a laurel wreath and lamp, the name of the National League of Nursing Education and the dates 1893-1943 with the citation "For Leadership."

Miss Nutting was one of the founders of the National League of Nursing Education and of the original course for graduate nurses at Teachers College, Columbia University, which was initiated in 1899 by the college in co-operation with the League. In 1907, in recognition of Miss Nutting's outstanding ability as a leader and administrator in the field of nursing education, she was called from her position as director of the Nursing School in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore to be appointed to the first professorial chair of nursing education in Teachers College or any other university. During the first World War, as Chairman of the Nursing Committee appointed by President Woodrow Wilson, Miss Nutting left a brilliant record of swift and efficient organisation to increase the supply of nurses and co-ordinate their services.

In the international field, she was active in the founding and work of the International Council of Nurses and is Honorary President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation which beginning in 1934, has conducted a course in London for graduate nurses from all parts of the world. In 1921 in recognition of Miss Nutting's conspicuous service to nursing education and public health, she was awarded an honorary Master of Arts degree by Yale University. The four volume "History of Nursing" written jointly by Miss Nutting and Miss Lavinia Dock is still considered the authoritative work on this subject.

In presenting the medal to Miss Nutting, Miss Goostray spoke as follows: "In commemoration of the Fiftieth

Anniversary of the National League of Nursing Education and as a symbol of the honour, affection and gratitude which your colleagues have for you, there was created the Mary Adelaide Nutting Award to be conferred for leadership in nursing education. It is my high privilege to-day, as president of the League, to present the first medal to you. It is largely to your leadership we are indebted for the progress that nursing educational, social, and economic principles for schools of nursing, we have gone forward towards a worthy preparation for the practice of nursing. We are confident that a medal bearing your name will be an

inspiration in the years to come for others to continue the high quality of your leadership."

It will be remembered by those of us who attended the banquet in the splendid gold and white ballroom of the Hotel Disch, at the I.C.N. Congress at Cologne in 1912, that Miss M. Adelaide Nutting seconded Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's proposal to institute an international memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, as she belonged to every age and every country.

Miss Nutting said no one could withhold their support to a proposition for the endowment of an international educational memorial in honour of Miss Nightingale; since which time the name of Miss M. A. Nutting has been associated with the memorial.



Medal in Honour of Miss Mary Adelaide Nutting, Professor Emeritus of Nursing Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

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