

the chief discomfort, but modern treatment has done much to help out in this respect.

We shall all watch your progress with great interest and a fellow-feeling for you in this misfortune.

With the love, respect and admiration of all your Australian nursing colleagues, many of whom have pleasant personal remembrances of you.

We remain, Dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,

Yours with sympathy and sincerity,

JANE BELL, President,
Royal Victorian College of Nursing

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MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,
BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.
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MY DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—The always welcome BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING has just brought me news of your accident. I am sure Miss Dey and the nurses at "Bart's" are giving the most expert care to the most distinguished alumna of that school.

I hope your recovery may be as rapid and complete as that of one of my relatives, now well over ninety years of age, who suffered a fractured femur some three years ago. She, too, had highly expert care, but those who cared for her assured us that her cheerful determination to get well contributed far more to her recovery than their combined skill. That, I feel sure, will be the final verdict of those who are now caring for you.

Sincerely yours,

MARY M. ROBERTS, R.N., *Editor.*

From Charlotte Tasse, Editor of *La Garde-Malade*, Montreal, Canada, a very pretty greeting card. "For your recovery, with best wishes," bearing the following message:—"To hope that your illness will soon be a thing of the past, and that the future will hold only the best of health and happiness for you."

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THE SECRETARY,
BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES, LTD.

DEAR MADAM,—In the July issue of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, which reached me this morning, I was greatly shocked and grieved to read of the accident sustained by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, our well beloved President, whose untiring devotion to nursing affairs has been an inspiration to nurses in every country. I know she will be a stirring example of fortitude under suffering to all of us.

Mrs. Fenwick's kindness and courtesy to me when I visited the College in 1933 and became a member will never be forgotten. One of my most-prized possessions is a Christmas card from her. A beautiful etching of Big Ben Tower and a note in Mrs. Fenwick's own beautiful handwriting. Please let her know I am thinking of her and remembered her in prayer before the altar in our lovely Cathedral (St. Paul's) this morning. May she very soon be restored to her usual health and activities.

Yours very sincerely,

MARY L. JACOBS, M.B.C.N.

On being notified by Mrs. G. Timley, Hon. Secretary, Returned Army Nurses' Club, Perth, Western Australia, that parcels had been despatched to individual members of the College, their arrival was awaited with keen anticipation, and we feel sure our generous donors will

be glad to know how deeply gratified the recipients are who write of the pleasure these parcels, which arrived from Australia in such good condition, have given them.

Nurses living alone on their rations found these extra tit-bits such a welcome addition to their diet.

They all appreciate the kind thought of our Australian colleagues which prompted the despatch of these gifts to their less fortunate sisters.

THE PASSING BELL.

The passing of Miss Jane Charlotte Child, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., on August 4th, adds, alas! yet another to our sadly long list of valiant pioneers who have gone before.

Miss Child received her training at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and in her distinguished career, after holding the post of Sister for five years at the Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton, served with distinction in Africa and abroad.

Her professional experience was varied and interesting. In 1897 she served as a Nursing Sister in the Græco-Turkish War, and when the Boer War broke out volunteered for service and was in Kimberley as a Sister throughout the siege.

Later, Miss Child held administrative posts in Africa as Matron of Bulawayo Hospital; of New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, and subsequently as Matron on the staff of the Government Hospitals in Basutoland; and, again, in the Great War her military experience was requisitioned.

She had the international spirit in its highest sense, and was an Hon. Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses, attending many meetings, including that of Copenhagen in 1922, at which she was present as the official delegate of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

She held the Diploma and Medal of the Greek Red Cross, the Medal of the Boer War, the Mayor's Medal, Siege of Kimberley, and was an Hon. Serving Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

Far travelled in her sphere of work, she ever diffused a spirited enthusiasm for Nursing progress on the highest ethical standards, and as a staunch fighter in the long struggle for State Registration of Nurses she lived a life of service for others.

Jane Charlotte Child was laid to rest in St. Leonard's Churchyard, Hove, and we cannot mourn, that after suffering the long, trying, disability of blindness, her soul has passed beyond the veil; but the memory of her work and her happy personality will remain an inspiration.

A. S. B.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of Miss Honor Felicité MacCormac, S.R.N., on August 12th, after a long illness.

Miss MacCormac received her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where she remained and served with distinction as Sister until her retirement.

Convinced of the importance of the higher education of Nurses, Miss MacCormac was in the pioneer days a warm supporter of the State Registration of Nurses Movement.

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