

**THE PASSING BELL.**

**THE DEATH OF MISS EMILY JANE HASWELL,  
S.R.N., F.B.C.N.**

It is with the sincerest sorrow that we have to report the death of Miss Emily Jane Haswell, whose nursing career during the past 45 years has been a great example to members of the Nursing Profession.

Miss Haswell died on February 6th, and she was laid to rest in the Cemetery at Hawkenbury, Tunbridge Wells, on February 9th, a beautiful sunny morning, before which a beautiful intimate service was held in her house, conducted by the Rev. T. Helm.

Miss E. J. Haswell was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and for 30 years was associated with leading nursing organisations especially during the first Great War.

As a member of the Registered Nurses' Society she took an active part in the supervision of the French Flag Nursing Corps which did such wonderful work in the French front line and earned for the nursing staff the compliment from M. Millerand, the French Minister, the expression of opinion that the members of this Corps were the most efficient nurses sent from Great Britain to nurse the French soldiers. A compliment its London Committee deeply appreciated.

Miss Haswell was an active member of the British College of Nurses, and served on its Council on several occasions, where her help and opinion were considered of the highest value.

Of recent years, during the present War, her health failed, and her passing means a loss of most devoted service

to the Profession of Nursing of which she was for so long an expert example, sincerely beloved by all who were associated with her.

**WHAT WE ALL FEEL AT THE LOSS OF OUR  
GREAT FRIEND.**

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,—I am deeply grieved at the sad news of the passing of our very dear friend and colleague (Miss Haswell)!

None better than those like ourselves, who had the privilege of working with her, could understand and appreciate the beauty of her noble nature. As our Matron-in-Chief in the sometimes difficult days of the "French

Flag Nursing Corps" she was a most understanding and inspiring comrade—always ready to help and advise. To me, she always seemed a "Tower of Strength" with her beautiful, soft, gentle voice and calm, dignified and so restful a manner. The Nursing Profession is indeed the poorer through the loss of such a noble personality with whom it was a privilege and an honour to work and to aspire to her high standard of duty. To know Miss Haswell was to love her.

With my love to you, dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and all my sympathy for the great loss you share with all Miss Haswell's loving and admiring comrades—Yours very sincerely,  
ADINE WOOD, S.R.N., F.B.C.N.

**MISS RUTH E.  
DARBYSHIRE,  
C.B.E., R.R.C.**

We regret to report the death, on March 7th, of Miss Ruth E. Darbyshire, C.B.E., R.R.C., who has had a long nursing career. Trained at Wakefield Street Hospital, Adelaide, South Australia, and St. Thomas' Hospital, London, she has held the following important positions: Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Derby; Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, London; Matron of the University College Hospital, London; Principal Matron, Territorial Army Nursing Service; Chief Lady Superintendent, Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association. Her association with the British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John of Jerusalem, of which she was Matron-in-Chief from March, 1940, to September, 1943, was deeply appreciated. In 1942 she was created a C.B.E. She received the decorations of Royal Red Cross (first class), and the Kaisar-i-Hind Medal (first class). She was a Lady



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Late Member of Council, British College of Nurses, Ltd.**

of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The funeral took place on March 11th at Golders Green Crematorium, when the Service was conducted by the Rev. H. C. T. Hose in the presence of members of her family and colleagues with whom she had been associated throughout her nursing career.

Life's race well run,  
Life's work well done,  
Life's victory won,  
Now cometh rest.

E. H. PARKER.

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