

A TRIBUTE BY THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

By the courtesy of Miss Mary M. Roberts, R.N., Editor of *The American Journal of Nursing*, we have received a copy of "The Tribute," presented to Miss Annie Warburton Goodrich at the Luncheon on the occasion of the eightieth year of her birth, signaling her contribution to nursing education and nursing service, February 26th, 1946, at the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria in New York.

This tribute records the chief events in her nursing career since the year of her graduation from New York Hospital School of Nursing in 1892, and a most brilliant record of service and honours appear in the year 1941.

"The Tribute" records:—

"The times in which Miss Goodrich has so richly and beautifully lived her first eighty years have provided most abundantly that inspiration of the imperfect which has been a perpetual challenge to her ardent or compassionate spirit. She came into the world when professional nursing, potentially useful, but still in swaddling clothes, required nurture and direction.

"With never failing zeal and determination she laboured and has stimulated countless others to labour for the development of nursing as a self-determining profession, because only so could nursing service be adapted to the ever changing needs of the peoples of the earth. Nurses of many races have learned from her and she from them. Long since, Miss Goodrich achieved the immortality of a great teacher, whose influence will not be limited by the years. It may be said of this beloved Dean, in the words of Dickens:

"Father Time is not always a hard parent, and though he carries for none of his children, often lays his hand lightly on those who have used him well."

"The Tribute" has now been carefully filed in the American History Section of the British College of Nurses, Ltd., now under lock and key. Let us hope the time is not far distant when it may again see the light of day.

It will be remembered by internationally-minded nurses that Miss Annie Warburton Goodrich was elected President of the International Council of Nurses, at Cologne, in 1912. Alas! the first Great War with Germany rendered her term of office ineffective.

We feel sure a great ovation awaits Miss Goodrich in the United States next year, when the International Council of Nurses assembles there. The fact that we are only a few hours away from U.S.A. by air, should mean a most representative international Congress. We are pleased to know that many of our Associations of Nurses are already making plans for financing their representatives.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY VISITS THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

Her Majesty Queen Mary visited the London Hospital on Friday, March 29th, and presented certificates and badges to nurses and students at the Medical School. This visit gave great pleasure to all concerned and Her Majesty's interest in the London Hospital will be very popular.

The London Hospital has an active League of Nurses, which issues an exceedingly interesting Review which keeps members in touch with one another in many parts of the world. We read with interest the article on "Post-War Plans of the London Hospital," prepared by Messrs. Adams, Holden and Pearson (architects) for remodelling the hospital. The Committee have approved the scheme, which has also been done by the chief architect of the London County Council. The Maternity Department has been kept open on emergency lines during the war, and the Mary Northcliffe Ward was open for abnormal and emergency cases only. A few tough East-enders decided that it would take more than bombs to prevent their confinements taking place at home, and to these brave women, our even braver nurses, went forth to deliver—"

All over London we notice lovely war babes.

We have met many Australasian colleagues during the war, one and all fine, generous young women who apparently have been brought up in a spacious environment where there is still room for the best type of the British people to find

open spaces, and build happy homes.

Australians have warmly sympathised during war with our shortage of food—and we have to thank the following well-known colleagues for most generous parcels which have been sent to us at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7 containing lovely cakes and other tasty tit-bits.

We beg to thank Miss H. Hill, South Yarra; Miss May Ashton, Perth, South Australia; Miss K. M. Yeates of Gooseberry Hill, West Australia; and Miss Stow, Miss Perry and Miss Giles of Glenelg, South Australia.—All these fine indefatigable workers keep in touch with nursing conditions in Great Britain through *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*. As we receive *Una*, the journal of the Royal Victorian College of Nursing, Melbourne, and the journal of the Western Australian Nurses, we keep well in touch with the wonderful progress made through the loyalty of the well-organised nurses throughout that spacious continent.



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