

THE PASSING BELL.

MISS MARY ADELAIDE NUTTING, R.N., M.A.

It was with profound regret that we learned of the death of Miss M. Adelaide Nutting on October 3rd, 1948.

Born on November 1st, 1859, at Waterloo, Quebec, Canada, she was educated at Waterloo, Montreal.

Destined to become a leader of Nursing, Miss Nutting entered the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, in 1889, when Isabel Hampton (later Mrs. Hampton Robb) was Superintendent, and graduated in 1891. She served as Head Nurse 1891-1893; became Assistant Superintendent 1893-1894, and held the position of Superintendent from 1894-1907; thus 18 years were spent in her Training School.

In 1907 she was appointed the first Professor of Education at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, and held this important post with great distinction until her retirement in 1925.

A great internationalist and collaborator with the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick, she graced Congresses convened by the International Council of Nurses, and was Chairman of the Committee on Education from 1912-1925, when ill-health forced her to relinquish much active work.

Miss Nutting gave great support to the proposal brought forward by the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick for the endowment of an educational memorial to Florence Nightingale, a dream that came true some years ago.

"The History of Nursing," by Nutting and Dock.

Looking through old records, we have come across this very interesting piece of information, sent to us at one time by Miss L. L. Dock, the first Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, and friend of the late Ethel Gordon Fenwick.

"Miss Nutting was intellectual, and had a discriminating taste for books. She was a collector of old and rare books, which she procured through a dealer in London, England. She had a small bookcase in her room at the Johns Hopkins Hospital filled with these books. I am not sure whether she brought them with her, or acquired them afterwards, probably already had some, and kept on adding to them. It is certain that, on becoming interested in Nursing she obtained, through the London dealer, volumes by Florence Nightingale on subjects of the Crimean War and the Army; the Army Medical System; the life of the soldiers in the trenches; and the Government's administration of India—volumes of large size and minute details which, because written for members of the Government and privately printed, were not obtainable in bookstores and were therefore unknown by general public. These volumes, being only attainable through second-hand dealers, were real treasures.

"Miss Nutting had made up her mind that a history of

nursing should be written, long before it was really begun, but just how long one cannot say. At any rate it was present in her mind as a background and she kept on collecting books and articles. When I finally had trips to Europe with opportunities to examine the public libraries of large cities, and some small ones, Miss Nutting brought out her definite plans: 'There must be a History of Nursing; will you help me to write it?' About that time the special course for nurses was opened at Teachers College, with Miss Alline in charge.

"Miss Nutting then prepared to give there a series of lectures on Nursing History, and for this purpose she made a skeleton outline of historical epochs, with heads for appropriate chapters under each epoch.

"This outline and order of subjects was generally followed in the final writing of the History, with some lesser alterations in the arrangement of material.

"Thus begun, the two first volumes were finished as they stand. They have never been revised (1917).

"Nursing organisations in almost all countries being well under way, the authors agreed that the third and fourth volumes should be done on a different plan, namely, that the nurses of each country should be asked to be responsible for their own chapter. This was accomplished and only the editing and final arrangement was left to the American Authors."

SISTER J. C. BUTTERWORTH, Q.A.I.M.N.S./R.

We deeply regret to announce the death of Sister Joan Cynthia Butterworth on September 28, 1948, at British Military Hospital, Fayid, Middle East.

Miss Butterworth trained at Hendon Memorial Hospital and Charing Cross Hospital from July, 1940, to February, 1945. She joined Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve in August, 1947, and served at home and in the Middle East.



Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, R.N., M.A.

THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

The annual general meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7, on October 2nd.

Miss N. Dunkley, President, was in the chair.

In the business dealt with was the resignation of the Hon. Secretary, Miss H. McLoughlin, S.R.N., which was received with great regret; very warm thanks were accorded to her for her services.

Miss A. A. Ward was unanimously elected as Hon. Secretary.

The address of the new Hon. Secretary is, Miss A. A. Ward, S.R.N., Matron, Neasden Hospital, Brentfield Road, London, N.W.10.

The Hon. Secretary will welcome inquiries from Nurses on the State Register for Fever Nurses.

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