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ALUMNAE DAY 1955

Saturday, February 19, 1955 was a very pleasant day for all who managed to get back to Yale to enjoy the varied program provided for the day. As many of you may be interested in the address made to the group by Rev. Liston Pope, Ph.D., Dean of the Yale Divinity School, we are including his remarks, slightly abridged.

As one whose knowledge of the nursing profession is extremely limited, and is likely to be highly subjective because it has been acquired for the most part from a prostrate position on beds of pain, I hardly have the right to presume to speak to you here today. I confess that my own impression of your profession is a rather romantic one, and any picture I might try to paint would probably strike you as false. If I think of nurses as angels with lamps, you may more largely think of them as drudges with thermometers. If I think of them as self-sacrificing women bent on errands of mercy, you may possibly think of them as girls whose feet hurt. If I think of them as visions in white, your own thoughts may turn instead to lonely vigils through long nights.

I do not presume, therefore, to have adequate knowledge of your profession and its problems, or to speak to you about them, but I do come here, as a member of an allied profession, to salute your first of all as a member of an allied profession. Your task is primarily that of healing the human body; mine, and that of my colleagues, has to do with the healing of the human spirit—the two enterprises are closely related. Happily, at least from the standpoint of the ministry, these two undertakings have become a joint undertaking in many instances. The number of romantic alliances between students of nursing and students of divinity would suggest a fatal attraction between the two groups; if relations between body and spirit are not greatly clarified and improved, the failure cannot be attributed to lack of contact between the Yale School of Nursing and the Yale Divinity School. Many a girl who has entered the Yale School of Nursing might summarize her experience here by saying, "I came to nurse and remained to pray." And many a divinity students might summarize his experience here by saying with great satisfaction, "I came to minister, but went out to be ministered unto."

Then again, I salute you as alumnae of a pioneering institution, the first graduate professional school of nursing in the world. Other schools at Yale are proud of the vision displayed by Dean Goodrich and carried forward by Dean Bixler, and of the distinctive quality introduced by this school into the nursing profession.

I salute you also as representatives of the largest health group in the United States. Perhaps it is not generally known that there are twice as many nurses in the United States as there are physicians and surgeons; the implications of this fact for the health of the nation are immediately apparent. I have struggled a great deal in an effort to understand the implications of the fact that there are nine times as many nurses as there are funeral directors and embalmers, but I do not profess to have unravelled that mystery as yet; at the very least, it is comforting to the layman to realize that nine nurses are working very hard to postpone each undertaker's ultimate victories.

I suspect that the public has realized by now that there is a serious shortage in your profession, despite the fact that there are now more than one-third of a million graduate registered nurses in the United States, plus perhaps a quarter of a million additional nurses of various types, and despite the fact that more students entered

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FAITH JENSEN '50 CHOSEN

Faith Jensen '50 was selected the Visiting Nurse of the Year by a committee of the New Haven V.N.A. at that agency's annual meeting on March 3, 1955. The Committee was made up of VNA board members, doctors, interested citizens and by the nursing staff of the agency.

GERTRUDE VOGEL GRAHAM '51 HONORED

Gertrude Vogel Graham '51 was given the Phoenix Arizona Jaycee good government award recently for her work as a Public health nurse in the community of Guadalupe, sometimes referred to as the "Forgotten Village."

C.S.N.A. SPRING SUPPER

District four of the C.S.N.A. gave its second Spring Supper party at the Waverly Inn in April. The entertainment was provided by the Arthur Murray Dancers. Gifts for prizes were given by several companies. There were trays from the Wallace and the International silver companies and jewelry from the Bartek and the Napier Companies. The proceeds from this pleasant evening go the Annie W. Goodrich Fund.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mary Payne Sullivan '35 on the death of her mother, February 2, 1955, and to Shirley Force Edwards '53 whose mother died December 16, 1954, and to Jean Carter '52 also on the death of her father February, 1955. Also to Elizabeth Oster '39 on the death of her dear friend Anna Gagel.

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as an enduring monument to the compassion and creative abilities of women in our society.

I salute you, as members of the silent profession. Doubtless the professional jokester will retort that I have become engaged in a contradiction of terms; how can a profession composed largely of women be designated as silent in character? Was not St. Paul provoked to warn women that they must be quiet even within the subduing walls of the church? I have little doubt that the hubbub in the corridors during the next few hours will belie my designation of you.

The fact remains that in your professional life you are remarkably quiet in going about your business. You do not shout from pulpits as do the preachers, or argue in court rooms as do the lawyers, or burn up the air waves as do the political candidates, or in any other way disturb the public peace and quiet. You simply go quietly about your jobs, and for that alone you deserve a salute.

I am confident that many of you must have been tempted on many occasions to let yourselves go and tell people precisely what you thought of them but most often the impulse has been resisted. Whether this has been for the good of the profession and of your psychological balance is a further question. In any event, I salute you on your patience and self-restraint.

Having praised you so generously, may an outsider be permitted to issue a few words of admonition.

Let me remind you that you are lineal descendants of lowly servants. Outcaste groups in society have often been your predecessors, and the role of nurse has often been regarded, by those who count life’s values in terms of status and prestige, as a menial task. Only in recent decades has your role changed from that of occupation to that of profession. Corresponding to this change has been a rising social status for those engaged in nursing, even to the point at times of making it seem to be a very glamorous profession.

We do not like to think in America in terms of social class and privilege. Archibald MacLeish, the poet, was asked after a lecture recently, “How many classes do you divide people into?” Mr. MacLeish replied, “I divide people into two classes: those who divide people into classes and those who do not.” In this reply he reiterated the American principle of equality—a principle often expressed by our forebears in the statement that one man is as good an another, if not a little better.

Like most maturing societies, the United States has begun to develop its own system of prestige and status, and it is according a progressively higher position in its prestige scale to those who are nurses. I recognize that this is hardly the case with respect to monetary rewards, Fibber McGee recently defined the upper crust as a bunch of crumbs held together by their own dough, you certainly do not classify as upper class in that regard, but the general esteem accorded to your profession is rising steadily. We may rejoice in this fact as a tribute to the rising standards in your profession and to the admirable service you have rendered, to use a college term, you may be tempted to become a “white shoe class.” And you may need to be warned, as do those of us in other professions, that it is task of the learned professions to serve all levels of society faithfully. Most of the professions, in our commercial society, tend to revert to occupations, and to substitute economic advantage and social status for that earlier compulsion to service on which the professions were founded. Very often those who need our services most find them least available, simply because of inability to meet our economic demands. I am afraid this statement is true even for those professions least often associated with high financial fees, such as nursing and the ministry.

The workman is worthy of his hire, but the person who has dedicated his or her life to a professional career is required to be more than a hireling. If we cannot find opportunities for wide service to society in general through our regular professional channels, we can seek them outside, without necessarily doing damage to our fellow practitioners. A larger sense of civic and public responsibility on the part of those of us who are professional people would help to improve our
professions in the eyes of the general public, in addition to fulfilling our own larger professional obligations.

I would remind you, if I may, that every profession is in danger of losing touch with the total human being, as well as with the total society. We clergymen are often accused, with some justification, of emphasizing the life of the spirit to the neglect of such mundane but vital factors as wages, hours, and working conditions. The physician or surgeon is increasingly looked upon as a person not interested in the entire body, but as a specialist who prefers to deal with only a small part of it. And nurses are sometimes in danger of becoming more concerned with routine and efficiency than with service to total persons, and in danger of viewing people simply as patients rather than as vital human beings. There is a bad sense, as well as a good one, of the term "professional" and we are all in danger of becoming over-professionalized.

A final word of admonition has to do with the deeper levels of motivation by which any professional career must be sustained. I suppose that most of us began our professional lives with a certain measure of idealism and with a sincere desire to be useful to our fellow men in our time. At the least, a humanitarian impulse directed us. In many instances the commitment was of such character that we may describe it as a religious impulse, we wanted to serve man, under God. Through the years, as the new routines become increasingly automatic and the initial glamor of a new role in society begins to fade, we find ourselves in danger of lapsing into conventional and uninspired performance, and of being tossed by restlessness and even boredom. This is our common human failure as we grow older, as the new and thrilling things become the old accustomed things. Even leisure time—that time in which we might continue to be most creative and most alive—tends to be dissipated in sheer idleness or routine.

At this point comes our most strenuous personal test, as living persons and as professional people. Unless we are careful, we slip down into a rather mechanical mode of life, going through the motions. Idealism is replaced by somber realism, which may be a net gain. But realism shades off quickly toward cynicism, mild or corrosive, and surely that is no gain.

The people with whom we deal in our respective professions, whether they be patients, parishioners, or clients, are not deceived. The most non-theological layman can detect whether his minister has a religious faith that is still alive and a religious message that has fire and hope in it. The medically un-informed patient can often tell whether doctor or nurse continues to be genuinely dedicated to his or her profession, so that competence grows surely through the years, and commitment to the profession is continually deepened.

If you were asked to name the most influential nurse in history or in literature, what candidates would you propose? Probably the names of Edith Cavell and Florence Nightingale would be proposed immediately, and they might be supplemented by many others, but the most influential nurse in the annals of mankind has not even left behind her name. I refer to a woman identified only as a "daughter of Levi," who bore a son and out of fear hid him in a basket made of bullrushes among the reeds of the river's bank. It happened that the daughter of Pharaoh found the basket, and was induced by the baby's aunt, unidentified as such, to employ the baby's real mother as his nurse, without knowing the true relationship of nurse to baby. The nurse must have been faithful to her anonymous task, for the boy Moses grew to towering manhood and led his enslaved people to freedom, by the power of God, against insuperable odds.

When you and I see our professions clearly as part of the larger plan of life in our time, and for the generations still to come, we shall not need to worry about inspiration for our jobs or for our lives. For the focus of our attention will be taken off ourselves and directed toward those whom we serve, and beyond them to the Ruler of life and death whose purpose it is that His creatures should be healed, and at last redeemed.
CHANGES OF ADDRESS

The following changes have occurred since the 1954 Directory was compiled:

1931—Mrs. Rowland L. Davis, Jr., Candlewood Lake Club, R.F.D. 1, Brookfield, Conn.

1942—Mrs. Phillip Brezina, 28 Broadview, Bristol, Conn.

1947—Mrs. John H. Gerth, 920 Magnolia Street, Winston-Salem, N. C.

1953—Miss Helen Lowe, 1346 Pine Street, San Francisco, Calif.

'28. Laird, Thelma, 345 East 68th St., New York, N. Y.

'29. Grainger, Jane White (Mrs. Thomas E.), 2741 So. West 14th St., Miami 34, Fla.

'30. Westbrook, Margaret Pettigrew (Mrs. John H.), 40 DeForest St., Watertown, Conn.

'31. Baldwin, J. Adelle (Mrs. Russell E.), 115 LaCross St., Tomah, Wis.

'32. Hanson, Louise, 2323 Philips Rd., Tallahassee, Fla.

'35. Peticolas, Edna Hutchinson (Mrs. Sherman C.), 2057 Venice Blvd., Los Angeles 66, Calif.

'36. Harshberger, Jane, 70 Spruce St., Burlington, Vt.

'37. Carey, Mary Sullivan (Mrs. Febian), address unknown.

'37. Byrne, Virginia Case (Mrs. Sydney S.), 130 Batavia St., River Rouge, Mich.

'37. Steele, Mary Snyder (Mrs. Forrest), 1807 St. Mary's St., Raleigh, N. C.

'38. Silliphant, Jean (Mrs. Wm.), address unknown.

'38. Sexton, Helen Bateman, 815 5th Ave. North, Great Falls, Mont.

'40. Wallick, Nancy Cole, M.D., 3237 Jefferson Ave., Cincinnati 20, Ohio.


'41. Nuckolls, Katherine Buckley (Mrs. Richard C.), Schwab Drive, Clarence, N. Y.

'42. Antoinette Smith Peterson, R. I. Box 903, Excelsior, Minn.

'44. Jensen, Beatrice Werner (Mrs. Everett J.), address unknown.

'45. Hunter, Helen, address unknown.

'45. Read, Sarah Hooper (Mrs. Wm. S.), 3096 So. Woodrow St., Arlington, Va.


'46. Ellis, Barbara, Lt. (NC) USN, U.S. Naval Hospital, Corps School, Bainbridge, Md.

'46. Lindner, Jean Smith (Mrs. Alvin G.) 7434 East Parkway, Sacramento, Calif.

'46. Thayer, Barbara Evans (Mrs. Crawford B.), 305 E. Milwaukee St., Whitewater, Wis.

'46W. Phillips, Bette Ellis (Mrs. Otto Z.), Address unknown.

'46W. Trumpp, Jean Ball (Mrs. Theodore F.), 28 Arlene Ct., Fanwood, N. J.


'47. Adams, Blanche (Mrs. Elija), 11 Yates Ave., Ossining, N. Y.

'47. Breg, Margaret Meston (Mrs. H. Roy), Southbury Training School, Southbury, Conn.

'47. Buechley, Louise Giles (Mrs. Frank C., Jr.), 4030 13th Ave. S., St. Petersburg, Fla.

'47. Dews, Mary Jane, 409 Edgewood Ave., New Haven, Conn.

'47. Dimaggio, Tina, 37 South Prospect St., Amherst, Mass.

'47. Ehsf, Eileen Kohout (Mrs. Richard P.), 3708 Woodbine St., Chevy Chase 15, Md.

'47. Frame, Jane Gould (Mrs. Boy), 74 Duff St., Watertown, Mass.

'47. McKenna, Madeline, 3798 Harrison St., Oakland 11, Calif.

'47. Parton, Phyllis Burdett (Mrs. George F.), 58 High St., Glastonbury, Conn.
'47. Smith, Helen Tucker (Mrs. Donald), 202 Riverside Dr., New York 31, N. Y.


'47W. Morris, Julia Shenton (Mrs. Joe D.), 2633 Pittsfield Blvd., Ann Arbor, Michigan.

'48. Howard, Frances Booth (Mrs. Robt. C.), 114 W. 7th St., Leadville, Colo.


'49. Khyn, Margaret Dean, 3402 Jefferson Ave., Yakima, Washington.


'50. Butler, Jean, 470 Prospect St., Apt. 66, New Haven, Conn.

'50. Conant, Lucy, 470 Prospect St., Apt. 66, New Haven, Conn.

'50. Vordale, Janice, 137 Gonzales Dr., San Francisco 27, Calif.

'51. Nolan, Virginia Reynolds (Mrs. Robt. L.), 1493 Shore Parkway, Apt. 4A, Brooklyn 14, N. Y.

'51. Wortham, Elizabeth Dyer (Mrs. C. Forest), 2708 Wesleyan St., Houston 6, Tex.

'53. Lowe, Helen, 1346 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif., Staff Nurse S.F. VNA.

'53. Rhea, Gloria, 4716 Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase 15, Md.

'53. Edmonds, Shirley Force, 19 George St., Clifton N. J.

'54. Brenner, Gertrude, 301 Prospect St., New Haven, Conn.

'54. Metzel, Martha, 7 Chapel St., Woodmont, Conn., Staff Nurse, G-NHCH.


BIRTHS

'39. A son, Ethan, to Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson Wolfinger (Frances Van Loan), February, 1955.

'45. A daughter, Andrea Lynn, to Dr. and Mrs. Halstead Holman (Barbara Lucas).

'45. A daughter, Barbara, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Pearce (Margaret Perry), October 9, 1954.

'45W. A daughter, Veronica, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith (Mary Reichert), October 9, 1954.

'46. A daughter, Judith Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Linder (Jean Smith), April 10, 1955.

'46W. A son, Henry, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Duncan (Elouise Collier, December 2, 1954.

'46. A daughter, Jennifer, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bloch (Barbara Bemis), November 17, 1954.

'46. A daughter, Justina, to Mr. and Mrs. Giles Kellihner (Justine Woollett), February 20, 1955.

'47. A son, William Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. William K. Johnson (Barbara Brundage), January 21, 1954.

'47W. A son, Robert Duncan to Mr. and Mrs. William Shuster (Nancy Duffie), February 22, 1954.

'47W. A daughter, Cynthia, to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Morris (Julia Shenton), August 12, 1954.

'47. A daughter, Deborah, to Mr. and Mrs. George Parton (Phillis Burdett), September, 1954.

'47. A daughter, Kathleen, to Mr. and Mrs. Mead Hargiss (Clarice Hargiss), September 10, 1954.

'47. A son, Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Patton (Jewel Quimby), October 7, 1954.

'48. A son, Jon Christopher, to Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson (Mildred Bone), February 12, 1955.

'48. A daughter, Allynne, to Mr. and Mrs. Iverson Bell (Ethel Davis), Spring 1954.

'49. A son, Matthew Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Shapiro (Amy Alderman), August 13, 1954.

'49. A son, John to Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Moffatt (Anne Landes), March 21, 1955, 1620 29th Terrace South, Birmingham, Alabama.

'49. A daughter, Cynthia Mildred, to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Pruitt (Mary Margaret Dunlap), November 1, 1954, at Davos in the Philippines.
'50. A daughter, Mary Katherine, to Rev. and Mrs. Fred Carl Wolf (Mary Schmidt), December 6, 1954.

'50. A daughter, Patricia to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunt (Barbara MacIntyre), September 1, 1954.

'51. A son, Michael James, to Mr. and Mrs. James Burnes (Irene O'Reilly), April 1, 1955.

'51. A daughter, Mary Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. James Lundebjerg (Peggy Meagher), March 26, 1955.


'51. A son, Samuel Slater, to Mr. and Mrs. George S. Richards (Mary Bartlett), December 4, 1955.

'52. A son, William Allen to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell (Ellen Peck), April 12, 1955.

'52. A son, David, to Dr. and Mrs. Richard Barach (Ethel Miskuff), December 1, 1954.

'53. A daughter, Almira Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Edwards (Shirley Force), February 23, 1955.

'53. A son, Vincent, to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curran (Carol Burke), January 31, 1955.

'54. A daughter, Colleen, to Mr. and Mrs. James Cannon (Jacqueline Cannon), November 29, 1954.

'54. A daughter, Kathleen, to Dr. and Mrs. James Dunn (Dorothea Lemcke), November, 1954.

'54. A daughter, Marcella, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Smith (Suzanne Smith), January, 1955.

MARRIAGES


'42. Arne Bulkeley to Mr. William E. Beltz, November, 1953, Box 1097, 2217 Mercer St., Fairbanks, Alaska.

'44. Janice Maltby to Mr. A. A. Thelen, 824 12th Ave. South, St. Cloud, Minn.

'46. Mary Root to Mr. Bruce Saunders, December, 1954, 10,000 Dickens Ave., Bethesda 14, Md.

'46. Nora Stuart to Dr. Frederick Young Donn, Jr., December 11, 1954, 8114 W. Beach Drive, N.W., Washington, D. C.

'48. Marjorie Lehman to Joseph C. O'Rorke, 93 Henrietta St., Rochester, N. Y.

'49. Elizabeth Ann Spaulding to Richard Wiles.


'51. Janice Gorton to Dr. Morris Green, March 11, 1955, 470 Prospect St., Apt. 52, New Haven, Conn.


'51. Viola Madorno to Mr. Shipton Brunton.

'52. Jane Shannon to Dr. Arthur Donovan, January, 1955, 16 Dwight St., New Haven, Conn.


'54. Merlyn Owens to George Robinson, December, 1954.

ALUMNAE DAY
June 11, 1955

We are looking forward to seeing all of you at Alumnae Day in June. No one will want to miss hearing Dr. Esther Lucille Brown speak at the dinner meeting. Just to remind you again the Reunion classes this years are '30, '35, '40, 45W, '50.
Miss Effie J. Taylor,
472 Whitney Ave.,
New Haven, Conn.