

London 7-9-16.

My dear Helen.

The heat has driven me out of my own room and I am now writing my reply to you most welcome, and satisfactory - re your mother's condition - letter, on my knee, which is very conducive to good writing. I find

Mrs Beattie's drawing-room is full of antiques, some things being nearly 200 yrs old. This room I am now sitting in with my feet up on a chair. Crossing one's legs used to be considered "bad form", but even those (women) who sit on a platform, do this! Alas!

Of course the shoe and stocking
businesses must be prosper-
ing triumphantly, and every
one seems to have time to
change the aforesaid articles
of dress very frequently.
Even Supts of Training Schools
for nurses, and nurses in
training conform to the dic-
tates of fashion in their par-
ticulars. It is well for me
that I retired from the service
on this, otherwise there would
have been one who could not
find time. Even now, when
I am supposed to have un-
der leisure, I simply do nothing.
And further I am sick to death
of legs: clad and unclad.

for to me the flappers are ⁱⁿ
Clad. Short dresses too; while
convenient, seem to grow shorter
each year, and also more men-
ger in width. How I should
like a conversation with you,
dear Helen -- a pen-conversation
is too one-sided. This too, has
its advantages, for we will
disagree.

Did you imagine you were giving
me a small order when you asked
for particulars re my life, etc?
I think I have forgotten a great deal
that would interest you, but
will enclose a few of the things
I happen to know quick now
A great many lovely things have
been said and done by those
who knew something of what
I have been permitted to do.

not only in the Nursing profession
but also as teacher Public School
and Sunday School.

The Manx. Alfred Squire, Scholarship
presented by the J. G. H. —
Alumnae Assn. May 20th at
Toronto University was given to
the graduate J. G. H. who stood top
rank in Toronto University, Public
Health Exam. and she will now
be able to take a year Post Grad.
work in Nursing, McGill Univer-
sity, Montreal.

This came as a great surprise
to me, for I had not known of
it until I saw it on the Program
after I got down. I had been
feeling quite unable to attend
the Exercises, for this year, but
tried to absent myself. — I was
glad. You may be sure I

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Nursing history is now taught
in all up-to-date training schools.
So of course, all nurses know
of me and my work, although
I have never known just what
is taught.

I organized the Canadian
(National) Nurses' Assoc.
and also the Supts of
I-Schools. All of these
now are part of the
National.

I was interested in Camp
Nursing years ago. And
my nurses were the first
to go to Camp Niagara
when our volunteer & militia
Soldiers camped there yearly.

6 The Canadian Nurses' Ass'n,
being well organized at the
time of the Great War, made
it a simple matter to send
nurses to the front early.
And when the University sent
out a "unit" half of the nurses
who went were trained during
my regime.

There is to be an unveiling of a
Memorial at Ottawa Aug. 23-27
in honor of the nurses who gave
their lives for their Country, and
the Alumnae invited me to be their
guest at the Chateau during that
time, but I have declined. This
means a great sacrifice on my
part, but I am doubtful if I can
stand it. Four delegates are
being sent also.

Each year I was appointed a².
Delegate to attend International
Congresses, meeting at Helsinki in
Finland. But my health would
not permit, so I sent letters,
instead of taking them in person.
One great event during that con-
gress was the honoring of out-
standing nurses - 12 in all -
in various countries. By making
them Hon. Members of the
Nurses' Assn. of Finland.

I am told by those who attended
the Congress that no greater
honour could be conferred,
and they presented me with
illuminated parchment and silver
enamel pin, as Canada's representative.
The President's Canadian Assn. brought it
over, and gave a dinner in my honour
when it was formally presented.

8 But they tell me that when it was
ent at the banquet in Helsinki
where that 8 documents were
presented, and that it was
a very wonderful occasion —
Miss Maxwell formally of the
Presbytery New York received
mine for me and made a
speech, because I had recently
dined with her in London.
Before the close of the Congress, it
was decided to maintain an
Office for the International
Congress, and Geneva was chosen
as the City. Each of the 33 Nation-
al Organizations were requested
to send photo of their most
representative nurse, and a copy
of my portraits (photo) now hangs
on the wall of that office.

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9. After all this, you will not think
to go on, but before closing day. A
short sketch of my life appeared
a little time ago in the Canadian
Nurse Magazine, and the British
Journal of Nursing has written
there.
I have not mentioned the year
1909 when as the Pres Can Nurs
again, I laid a wreath on Queen
Victoria's grave at Frogmore
and the address I gave on that
occasion was illuminated and sent
to King Edward VII, who replied that
his (Lili) Lady Lord Knollys, saying
among other things. The King is
much pleased with what you say
of Queen Victoria - i.e. "with the
words that you make use of" -
and as these were my own words
I was gratified.

I had to speak several times during
this Congress: Canada, Holland

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Finland & Denmark all
joined the International;
at that time. That was when
I first met Edwina Man-
nerheim of Finland. Each
year she was Pres of the
International - a wonderful
woman

Just a few words to say how very
much I sympathize with your
Mother, and how thankful I am
she has such good daughters
to look after her. My love to
dear sister Sara, and to each
one of my nieces. It is a great
deprivation to be so far from
you all. Louise has not written
since she was in Toronto a few
days. Affectionately yours,
Mary A. Sivers.

At Present
How Many A Sincerely is.

Hon Presidents - ^{United}
(National) Nurses' Association

Hon Presidents -
Alumnae Assn. J. G. H.
School for Nurses.
Toronto.

Hon Vice Presidents
International Congress
of Nurses - Embraes
Thirty-three National
Organizations

American Nurses' ¹²
Association
Charter Member - 1893
Hon. Life-Member - 1918

Nurses' Association
of Finland -
Hon. Member. 1925

Nurses' Council -
London, England,
Hon. Member
many years

Hon Member
 Ontario Graduate Nurses
 Association - New
 Section Six of Can.
 Adian National Assn.

Hon. Member -
 Nightingale Assn
 of Toronto.

Life Member.

Graduate Nurses' Club
 of Toronto.

Life Member. Sup't of S. Schools Assn.

Life Member.

Womans Missionary Society
Presby'n Church of Canada -
Western Division

Life Member. -

Canadian Branch. Toronto
Ludhiana Medical -
Mission. Ludhiana India

Life Member. British & Foreign
Bible Society. Toronto Branch.

And a few other things

Member Toronto Ladies Club.