

secured a place in the ballot and brought in the Nurses' Bill in the House of Commons, you worked ceaselessly, as its Nurse Hon. Secretary, through the Central Committee, and in the Lobby of the House of Commons, to bring the Nurses' Bill to the attention of Members of Parliament, and strove with success, against determined opposition, to secure the representation of the Nurses' self-governing organisations on their first Governing Body.

In the Autumn Session of 1919, Dr. Christopher Addison, brought in a Nurses' Bill as a Government Measure, and, on December 23rd, 1919, your efforts were crowned with success, and Acts for the Registration of Nurses, giving the Registered Nurses of the United Kingdom a two-thirds majority on their Governing Body, received the Royal Assent.

As a member of the First General Nursing Council you helped to draft the Statutory Rules, and the form of the Register of Nurses, and in so doing maintained the right of existing nurses to have recorded their professional qualifications on the Register.

## II.

On July 1st, 1899, you proposed at the Annual Conference of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain, held in London, the foundation of the International Council of Nurses, a proposal which commended itself to Nurses' Organisations throughout the world, so that at the International Congress of Nurses, in London, in July last, Nurses' Organisations in 32 countries in the five continents were fully affiliated to the I.C.N., 29 of which were represented by delegation, besides others not yet fully organised.

## III.

During the meeting of the International Congress of Nurses, held in Cologne, in 1912, you proposed the foundation of an Educational Memorial to Florence Nightingale, a proposition seconded by Professor M. A. Nutting, U.S.A., which was approved by Presidents and Delegates of the National Associations of Nurses then present, and which, through your initiative, has materialised, in co-operation, with the League of Red Cross Societies, as the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

It is given to few to conceive and project a beneficent measure which has received world-wide approval. You have devised three, and the section of the Nurses of the world who have benefited so wonderfully from them all, present here to-day, desire, on their behalf, to place on record their deep sense of gratitude.

These major projects are far, however, from exhausting the story of your work.

The proposal to found the International Council of Nurses was followed by that to organise trained and certificated Nurses in Associations connected with their Training Schools, and Societies, in National Councils which could be affiliated with the International Council of Nurses, thus bringing these National Councils into world relations.

Of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain you have been elected President for many years.

The foundation in 1894 of the Registered Nurses' Society, for the benefit of Private Nurses, of which you acted as Hon. Superintendent and which Society helped the members to earn over £120,000.

Perhaps your most far-reaching and invaluable work has been the provision of a free voice for nurses in the press, and the editing of the first professional

organ of Nursing in the world, "The Nursing Record," now "The British Journal of Nursing," for over forty years, in which is recorded the whole course of nursing evolution for the past half century.

As a member of the Women's Section of the British Royal Commission to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, you as President of the Nursing Section, organised the first Nursing Exhibition, in the Women's Building, at the opening of which you received the personal commendation of the President of the United States for its completion, and, later, received two Medals and Diplomas, "for excellence of Scientific Exhibits."

In 1897, as Hon. Superintendent of the Nursing Department of the National Fund for the Greek wounded in the Græco-Turkish War, you organised a Corps of Certificated Nurses, who, under your direction, nursed Greek, Turkish and Italian wounded at the Piræus, at Chalcis in Eubæa, and also, by request of the then Crown Princess of Greece acted as Inspector of Nursing at the Ecole Militaire Hospital, in Athens, receiving later the Commemorative Medal and Diploma of the Greek Red Cross.

In 1914, during the Great War, you organised the French Flag Nursing Corps, a Corps of 250 Certificated British Nurses, who worked under the French Government in the danger zone and elsewhere, where you visited them, and for which valuable service you received the "Reconnaissance Française" from the French Government.

In 1933 you received from His Majesty the late King Albert, King of the Belgians, during the International Council of Nurses in Brussels, as Founder of the International Council of Nurses, the "Ruban de Chevalier de l'Order de Leopold I" (first class), and from the French Government the much-prized Silver Medal of the "Assistance Publique."

During the present year you have, as Chairman of the Congress Arrangements Committee of the International Council of Nurses, with the efficient help of a band of voluntary workers, organised the Congress held in London in July, with what success the nurses of the world know, and the Programme of which Congress compiled and edited by you in three languages is a model.

At the present time you are the active President of the British College of Nurses, generously founded in 1926 by an anonymous donor in sympathy with freedom of thought and action for its members.

The above is a brief record of the principal movements which you have inspired for the benefit of the Nursing Profession. As a creator of organisation and reform you fully realised that your task would be a thankless one in many instances, but you did not hesitate on that account to pursue the course which you believed to be for the welfare of nurses. Your claim for the sanctity of professional conscience for the Nursing Profession has perhaps been the most valuable demand in your career.

The above is a record only possible of accomplishment by one of rare ability, possessed of a genius for organisation and the tenacity of purpose to bring to fruition the schemes which your vision conceived.

The present seems an opportune moment for such slight expression of appreciation from Trained Nurses as you will allow for the many gifts you have bestowed upon them through your selfless devotion to their interests during the last half century, so we offer it to you with the homage of our love.

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