

**SISTER AGNES KARLL, R.N.**

*President of the German Nurses' Association;  
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Nurses.*

The President of the German Nurses' Association, Sister Agnes Karll, is well known and beloved by the members of the International Council of Nurses, who, in Berlin in 1904, had the pleasure of coming into personal contact with her and her work, and were correspondingly impressed with the courage, wisdom, and effectiveness with which she performs her work.

Organisation is always a difficult, and onerous task, but it is curious how in different countries with the need for a leader that leader has arisen, and in Germany the central figure in the movement for better education, adequate pay, professional status, and personal freedom for nurses, all of which are vital to the progress of our profession and its members, is Sister Agnes Karll. It is for her splendid work in this connection that she is held in honour by all who know how stern is the fight, and how great the woman, who resolutely strives for these things, and it is because she possesses these qualities in no ordinary degree that the International Council of Nurses knows that its interests will be safe in her hands, and has asked her to accept nomination as its President for the ensuing term.

The German Nurses' Association, of which Sister Karll is the President, was founded in

1903 at the "Sister House Emmaus," near Berlin. It is largely owing to its influence and that of its President, that the work of nurses in the German Empire has now received State recognition, and that the German nurses who come to this Congress have the right, which they share with our American colleagues, to place the honoured letters R.N. after their names. The aim of the Association is well

summed up in an article which appeared in its professional organ, *Unterm Lazaruskreuz*:—  
"As long as nursing was solely in the hands of women who regarded it as the duty of their lives to retire from the world and serve God, there existed for them no professional problems. They lived in less complicated times than ours. Our motto is to live in this world and yet serve God and man; only so can our profession in this age attain its full development."

THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING extends to Sister Karll, in the name of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, its warm sisterly greeting as one of the

hardest workers in the cause of nursing organisation.

English nurses extend the right hand of fellowship to a German nurse who has done and is doing brave work in the spirit and for the same great ends as those in which professional reform has been carried on in this country, and in the face of many similar difficulties.



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