

Dr. Anna Hamilton, who established the School, writes : "The Memorial has done much to raise the standards of nursing in France. . . . Many come to see it and marvel at its completeness, and comment upon it as a useful Memorial. France is so full of useless ones."

The school building as it now stands is unfinished. It is therefore an incomplete Memorial. With the authority of the Joint Board of Directors of the three National Nursing Associations, the Advisory Committee, American Nurses Memorial, of which Clara D. Noyes is chairman, is now approaching the nurses of the country, through the American Nurses' Association and its State organisations, for the purpose of determining the wishes of the individual nurses. The Advisory Committee is unanimously in favour of raising money to finish the School. The boards of directors of State Associations are asked to study the question in all its aspects before reaching a decision, and to send the nurses to the Biennial Convention prepared to discuss the subject.

Our contemporary asks : "Shall we leave the Memorial in its present unfinished state for some other organisation or individual to complete, with perhaps a different name on the new wing? If this were done, would it be a finished Memorial to our nurses who died in line of duty, 101 of whom lie in France?"

"Twenty-five thousand dollars are needed. There are approximately 75,000 members of the American Nurses' Association; if each member gave 25 cents it would amount to more than 18,000 dollars. What shall we do about it?"

We have no doubt as to the answer to this question.

American Nurses will complete the work they have so well begun—a fine Memorial to their colleagues, an invaluable gift not only to the Maison de Santé de Bordeaux, but to the whole of France, and an object-lesson to the nurses of the world as to what may be accomplished by organised nurses with a common purpose and determination.

The story of the foundation of the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena, as a model training school for Nurses at the Policlinico Hospital in Rome, is the story of high

endeavour, pertinacity of purpose and courageous work for the uplift of nursing in Italy, and to better the condition of nursing in public hospitals in that country. Also for the introduction of a standard of training and of hospital discipline upon which a profession could be built up, which would be suitable for educated women.

The readers of this Journal in its early days will remember the many interesting letters on Nursing in Italy by Miss Amy Turton, whose name must always be associated with the movement which led to the foundation of this pioneer School.



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELENA,  
Hon. President Scuola Convitto Regina Elena Policlinico  
Hospital, Rome, 1910-1928.

The School from its inception has had the advantage of the interest and support of Her Majesty the Queen of Italy, who is its Hon. President, of the late Princess Doria (sister of the late Duke of Newcastle), who was President from its foundation in 1910 to her death in 1919, and who attended the International Congress of Nurses in London in 1909, and of Donna Maria Maraini Guerrière Gonzaga, Vice-President from 1910 to 1919, and afterwards President, who as the wife of a Member of Parliament had considerable political influence, so that finally a block of wards in the Policlinico Hospital was handed over to the School.

The choice of Miss Dorothy A. Snell, an English-trained nurse, as Matron of the School was a very happy one, for she had a rare combination of qualities, both professional and personal, which made her an ideal leader for this purpose, and from 1910 to the present time she has with great success devoted her life to the training of well educated Italian girls as nurses.

Miss Florence Nightingale wrote in 1893 to Miss Turton :—

"I cannot conceive a grander task than to introduce slowly and carefully, but faithfully, into one town hospital in Italy, the conditions under which you can alone expect educated women, fit for nurses, to enter a Hospital, and to organise a Training School for Nurses.

"Other cities and other Hospitals would follow the good example, and so all Italian Nursing would be reformed.

"Success to you, I say again. It has been put into

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