

THE PASSING OF A PIONEER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Miss Anna C. Maxwell, R.N., M.A., for twenty-nine years the Superintendent of the Training School for Nurses at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, which she established in 1892, and which under her guidance became one of the leading Schools for Nurses in the United States of America.

Miss Maxwell was trained under Miss Linda Richards at the Boston City Hospital Training School for Nurses, and after graduation started a Training School for Nurses at the Montreal General Hospital, after which she visited and studied nursing conditions in this country, then, returning to America, held various positions before entering on what was practically her life's work at the Presbyterian Hospital, though this extended to active work in the Spanish-American War and later in the Great War.

Miss Maxwell was one of that quickly diminishing and honourable company, the Foundation Members (Councillors) of the International Council of Nurses. She was a familiar figure at International Congresses, and attended the Interim Congress in Paris in 1907, and was one of the four official delegates nominated to the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses in London in 1909 by the American Federation of Nurses, and was also one of the four delegates appointed to attend the meeting in Cologne in 1912 by the American Nurses Association; she also attended the International Congress of Nurses at Helsingfors in 1912. At these meetings her genial presence, forceful personality and practical wisdom made her always a welcome and respected member both of the business meetings and Congresses.

We are told, in "Early Leaders of American Nursing," published by the National League of Nursing Education, that as long as one of her graduates lives Miss Maxwell's name will bring a thrill to the heart, and awaken a host of loving memories of the time spent under her guidance. . . From her earliest years a leader, gifted with a magnetic and winning personality, she is sympathetic, just and generous, never rules by sentiment and blessed with a great simplicity. An inspiring teacher, a wonderful organiser and promoter, with an insight into the great possibilities of the nursing profession, ever ready to overcome difficult objects, she has been a power as well as a pioneer.



MISS ANNA CAROLINE MAXWELL, R.N., M.A., FOUNDATION MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

"Not only her own, but all nurses hold her in the highest esteem. A helpful friend, full of vitality and energy, yet never too busy in the midst of her strenuous everyday life to give time in abundance to any one wanting or needing counsel, advice or encouragement."

Miss Maxwell was a foremost member of all influential Committees for the higher education of nurses, and her work was so recognised by the Governors of Columbia University that in 1917 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon her, making her one of the first women in the history of nursing to receive such an honour.

She was buried at Arlington National Military Cemetery, Washington, with full military honours, and no American nurse could wish for a higher honour, or a more beautiful resting place in braver company.

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to report the death of Miss A. Garriock, R.R.C., late Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, who passed away on Saturday, January 26th last. Latterly she had been far from well, and since November had been in a nursing home at Windsor.

Miss Garriock was trained at the London Hospital, from June, 1881, to 1883, and remained on the staff until May, 1886, when she joined the Army Nursing Service and served at Netley, Malta, Devonport, and Woolwich. On the outbreak of the South African War, in 1899, she was one of the first to be sent out, and for her services in that campaign was mentioned in despatches and awarded the R.R.C.

On the reorganisation of the Army Nursing Service and formation of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Garriock was appointed Matron, and on her return to England early in 1903 served at the Military Hospital, Alton, and later at the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich. In December, 1907, she was promoted Principal Matron in South Africa. In that

country she had the misfortune to lose her leg as the result of a carriage accident while on Inspection Duty. On recovery from this injury, she continued to serve in South Africa for another two years, returning to England in June, 1911, when she was placed on retired pay.

Miss Garriock has many friends in the nursing world to whom the news of her death will come with a painful sense of loss.

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