

**THE PASSING OF MISS LILLIAN CLAYTON.**

**PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.**

We deeply regret to record the death of Miss Lillian Clayton, R.N., Superintendent of the School of Nursing, and Directress of Nurses at the Philadelphia General Hospital, U.S.A., to which she had given years of devoted service. Her earthly end occurred in the hospital less than forty-eight hours after she developed pneumococcic meningitis. Funeral services were held in the Nurses' Home of the hospital, and the interment took place in Woodlawn Cemetery nearby, next to the grave of the Founder of the School of Nursing at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

Miss Clayton was a graduate of the Nursing School of which she was ultimately appointed Superintendent of Nurses, and in which the greater part of her professional career was spent, other positions which she held being Assistant Superintendent of the Hospital and Training School at the Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio, and, after a summer and a regular session at Teachers' College, Columbia University, she accepted the position of Superintendent of Nurses at the Minneapolis City Hospital, Minnesota. From there she was called in 1914 to the Directorship of the Educational Department of the Illinois Training School for Nurses, Chicago, and in 1915 was appointed Superintendent of Nurses at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

In addition to her official duties Miss Clayton gave important service to her profession and the public in the following positions:—

President of the American Nurses Association of 72,000 members, President Philadelphia League of Nursing Education, President Alumnae Association Philadelphia General Hospital, President National League of Nursing Education, President American Journal of Nursing Company, Member of Committee on Nursing of National

Defence, and President of the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners.

She also was a member of the Committee for the Study of Nursing Education convened and financed by the Rockefeller Foundation in 1919.

Miss Clayton became known to a large number of nurses all over the world at the Congress at Montreal last year, convened by the International Council of Nurses, in which she took an important part as a member of the Board of Directors.

**HONOUR TO MISS CLAYTON.**

In the *American Journal of Nursing* of July, 1928, the following article appeared:—

On May 16th, there was unveiled in the new Philadelphia General Hospital a tablet to S. Lillian Clayton, Directress of Nurses, which is believed to be unique in the annals of nursing. In graceful phrase on lasting bronze, the graduate nurses who have been associated with Miss Clayton during her period of service in this hospital have recorded their appreciation. The speakers were Dr. Joseph C. Doane, Medical Director and Superintendent of the Hospital; Dr. Edward Parker Davis, Chairman of the Training School Committee, 1886-1924; Dr. Joseph MacFarland, the present Chairman of the Committee; Mrs. James W. Kyle, representing the Mayor; Margaret Dunlop, representing the State Board of Nurse Examiners; and Mrs. John C. Groome, Chairman of the Women's Advisory Council of Philadelphia's Department of Public Health.

Dr. Doane, staunch friend and co-worker through years of service, said:—

When one looks at a life of this sort, one wonders at the motive that underlies it. During the past fifteen years, I have wondered what was the magnetism that made it possible, day in and day out, year in and year out, for her to do a service so forgetful of self, to carry on without any visible evidence of what made it so, and I think I know the answer. I think I know why a life like that has been lived,



THE LATE MISS S. LILLIAN CLAYTON, R.N.  
President, American Nurses' Association. Member of Board of Directors International Council of Nurses.

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PHILADELPHIA GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
DIRECTOR OF NURSES'  
BUREAU OF HOSPITALS.  
A SKILFUL NURSE,  
SUCCESSFUL TEACHER, WISE AND  
ACCOMPLISHED ADMINISTRATOR.  
A CIVIC PATRIOT  
BECAUSE OF HER THE MISERABLE  
AND SUFFERING ARE COMFORTED.  
HER LIFE, AN INSPIRATION;  
HER FRIENDSHIP AND AFFECTION,  
A BENEDICTION.  
THIS TABLET IS ERECTED BY THOSE  
WHO LOVE AND HONOR HER,  
HER NURSES AND FRIENDS.  
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