

THE PASSING BELL.

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The death of Mrs. Henny Tscherning, President of the Danish Council of Nurses from its formation in 1899 until Miss Charlotte Munck succeeded her in this office a few years ago, will be greatly regretted, not only by Danish nurses, for whose organisation she has done so much, but by a wide circle of colleagues and friends in the International Council of Nurses.

She first came into prominence in the I.C.N. at its London Congress in 1909 when at the picturesque ceremony of the admission of new National Councils she represented the Danish Council of Nurses at the meeting of the Grand Council of the I.C.N., and was welcomed by Miss Christina Forrest, in its name in the Danish language, with presentation of flowers to the strains of the Danish National Anthem. In 1915 at San Francisco Mrs. Tscherning was elected by the Executive Committee to succeed Miss A. W. Goodrich as President of the I.C.N., and held this position until the meeting of the Grand Council convened by her to meet in Copenhagen in 1922.

In 1923, at the request of Baroness Mannerheim, then President, she invited the Executive Committee to meet again in Copenhagen, and the wonderful hospitality and kindness extended to them on these occasions by Mrs. Tscherning and the Danish Council of Nurses is an ineffaceable memory with all those who received it.

Nor will the British Nurses who passed through Denmark in the early days of the Great War, on their return from Belgium via Cologne, forget the welcome they received from the Danish Council of Nurses and its President when they crossed the frontier. "There is no nationality in nursing," and the Danish Nurses translated this axiom into action.

It was at the meeting of the Grand Council of the I.C.N. in 1922 that Mrs. Tscherning was elected an Hon. President, an office to which her work on its behalf fully entitled her. It was the last time she was present at one of these inspiring meetings. Failing health and increasing age prevented her from attending the Congresses in Helsingfors in 1925 and Montreal in 1929. But many members of the I.C.N. passed through Copenhagen on their way to Helsingfors and had the privilege and pleasure of meeting her once again, finding her as alert and keen as ever in regard to topical nursing questions and anxious to be informed on matters of interest in connection with other National Councils affiliated in the International.

To the Danish Council of Nurses we extend heartfelt sympathy in the loss of their honoured leader and friend.

Under the First Constitution of the I.C.N., a President who had given special evidence of devotion to duty during

her term of office, might have her work honourably recognised by being elected by the Grand Council as an Hon. President for life. This provision was deleted in 1925—when the revised Constitution was adopted—an alteration we regret.

With the death of Mrs. Tscherning, only two Hon. Presidents now remain: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Great Britain, and Miss A. W. Goodrich, U.S.A.

MISS ISABEL C. BENNETT.

Many nurses trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, London, E., during the Matronship of Miss Isabel C. Bennett, and many of her nursing colleagues, will regret to learn of her death at Findon, Sussex, where she and her sister had of recent years made their home.

Miss Bennett was trained at the London Hospital, E., where for some years she held the position of Sister Victor. Her resignation of the position of Matron at the Metropolitan Hospital, where she was held in much esteem, was due to a severe illness which incapacitated her for further work.

The funeral service, conducted by the Rev. Fr. Bull, took place in Findon Church, charmingly situated on the Sussex downs, and was attended by many friends, a number, including the present Matron, coming from the Metropolitan Hospital. Cremation subsequently took place.

LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Lord Harris, G.C.S.I., a former Governor of Bombay, left £200 per annum to his nurse, Gwendoline Maud Lindsey, for her kind and constant attention.

Mr. Price Charles Turner, of Croydon, left £50 to Miss Edith Payne, "for faithful and trustworthy service to me in capacity of housekeeper and nurse."

Miss Genevieve Marshall of Hove, left to the Convent of Bon Secours of Troyes, of 1, Upper Park Road, London, N.W., a sum equal to £1 a week from April 26, 1928, or the date of her stepmother's death, which-

ever shall last happen, or to the date on which the nursing sister from that Convent "now living with me" shall leave, if leaving before either of the said events.

Mr. John James Hardy of Alnmouth left £1,000 to Mary Jane Rickaby, Matron of Coquetdale Cottage Hospital, Rothbury, "for long and faithful services to my family."

Mr. Ernest Charles Keay of Edgbaston, Birmingham, left £1 a week to Matilda Carter, Nurse.

ROYAL NURSES.

At the Opening Meeting of the 1932-1933 session of the British College of Nurses, Miss Isabel Macdonald, F.B.C.N., has consented to lecture on "Royal Nurses," taking as her subject Queen Margaret of Scotland. A lovely Lady, indeed; we shall all be interested to listen to the story of her marvellous life.



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