

to-day an added glory, for beneath it is the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior. It is not only the most picturesque building in Paris, but it is the most stirring.

The country, in mourning for its heroes, asks its children, for all time, to remember with gratitude and love those in whose honour burns the undying flame.

AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER AT BRUSSELS.

Once again, on Sunday, July 16th, the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and the Nurses of the Dominions placed at the base of the beautiful Colonne du Congrès at Brussels, on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of Belgium, a wreath of red cactus dahlias, yellow roses, green palms and black laurels, with the inscription "With profound homage and gratitude from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and the Nurses of the Dominions." Mlle. Hellemans, the President of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses, was present.

Another beautiful wreath was placed by the American Nurses' Association at the foot of the column.

Here, again, an undying flame symbolises the unceasing gratitude of Belgium to the heroes who gave their lives to save their country in the Great War.

The Flame of Remembrance was lighted for the first time on November 2nd, 1924.

RECOGNITION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

THE AWARD OF HONOURS.

All members of National Associations affiliated in the International Council of Nurses will learn, with deep gratification, that His Majesty the King of the Belgians honoured Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Founder, and Miss L. Chaptal, the retiring President, by conferring upon them the high honour of the "ruban de chevalier de l'Ordre de Leopold" (first class). The Insignia of the Order were presented to them at the Formal Closing Session of the Congress at Brussels on July 15th, by command of His Majesty, by His Excellency M. Paul Hymans, Minister of Foreign Affairs, amid enthusiastic applause.

His Excellency the French Minister of Public Health, M. Daniélou, also commissioned Mlle. Chaptal to announce at the dinner given by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the Board of Directors, and other honoured guests, at the Restaurant Laurent in Paris, on July 12th, the award of the much-prized silver and bronze medals of the Assistance Publique to distinguished members of the Council, as recorded in another column, those present receiving them from Mlle. Chaptal, who made a charming speech in presenting the Silver Medal to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder and Hon. President, Miss Jean Gunn, Second Vice-President, Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, and the Bronze Medal to Miss Lloyd Still, the newly-elected President of the International Council of Nurses.

Through the bestowal of these honours not only the life's work of the individual recipients has received recognition from the King of the Belgians and the French Government, but the status and world-wide importance of the International Council of Nurses has been acclaimed.

OUTSTANDING EVENTS INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES. PARIS-BRUSSELS, JULY, 1933.

Looking back on the intensive two weeks, from July 4th to 17th, during which the International Council of Nurses met in Paris and Brussels, in which its Board of Directors and the Grand Council sat in consultation, to receive Reports and take action thereon, and held its Congress, during the Sessions of which so many subjects of vital importance to the progress and efficiency of the Nursing Profession were put forward and discussed—to say nothing of the impressive and delightful social functions, which enabled the members to come into touch with one another informally, greatly to their enlightenment and pleasure—we realise that in our limited space we can touch only on the outstanding events of Council and Congress; but hope to continue in future issues of our official organ, THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING, to "gather ye rosebuds while ye may." We unhesitatingly affirm that never before has the meeting of the International attained quite the unquestioned status accorded to it in France and Belgium, where its powerful solidarity and influence were recognised and unquestioned—not only by the peoples whose honoured guests we were, but by the Heads of the Governments in each country.

With Programme in hand in which were inscribed not only the list of our Honorary Officers, Heads of National Councils and official delegates from thirty-two countries, and the heads of permanent and special Commissions which have been earnestly at work since our last meeting in Montreal in 1929, whose thirteen Chairmen presented admirable Reports, but Committees of Honour for France and Belgium under the Presidency in France of the President of the French Republic, M. Lebrun, and in Belgium under the direct patronage of Her Majesty the Queen of the Belgians.

How well understood was the high aim of the work for the health of peoples, and the education of Nurses, of the Nurses' International in France and Belgium, will be gathered from the lists of the eminent statesmen and others who composed the Committees of Honour—who not only received official delegations of the Board of Directors and Grand Council at the Palais de l'Elysée in Paris, and at the Palais Royal de Laeken at Brussels, but, for the first time in the history of our Council awarded honours to the representative officials, and thus recognised their work as of intrinsic value in the scheme of world health.

The history of the International Council of Nurses from July 1st, 1899, when it was modestly founded in London by earnest women, with little acclaim, to the enthusiastic and honourable recognition accorded to it by the President of the French Republic, the President of the Municipal Council and the Préfet de la Seine, at the Hotel de Ville, Paris; by the King and Queen of the Belgians, and at the Reception of the College of Burgomasters at the Hotel de Ville in Brussels, where the guests were received by the heroic Burgomaster Max; proves that the foundation stone of the International Council was well and truly laid.

Generous interchange of thought and practice through personal communication and friendship, and exchange of methods through the professional press, have in little over a quarter of a century produced not only the first international organisation of professional women, but the most forceful and popular confederation of women in the world. The International Council of Nurses has now attained the confidence of national and municipal Governments, which realise that its single aim is the uplift of mankind. May the International Council of Nurses continue to realise the altruism of its inspiration.

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