

ment of her life has been to secure proper training for Irish nurses, and proper registration and recognition for them when trained."

Miss Huxley's professional interests and work, however, extend far beyond Ireland, and it may be truly said that for the last fifty years there has been no forward movement in nursing organisation in which she has not been a pioneer. She was associated with the work for State Registration of Nurses of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses, supporting them by her wise judgment, clear insight, and financial generosity. She frequently came over to London to attend public meetings and deputations when the interests of her profession demanded it, even during the Great War, when crossing from Dublin to Holyhead entailed very considerable risk to life.

She was appointed by the Government in 1920 a member of the first General Nursing Council for Ireland.

Miss Huxley's connection with the International Council of Nurses has been intimate from its foundation in London in 1899, when she supported Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's proposition, "That steps be taken to organise an International Council of Nurses," and she has attended many of its Congresses.

Honoured and beloved, there is no name which will add greater lustre to the list of Vice-Presidents of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation than that of Margaret Huxley.

Miss Bergljot Larsson.

A most popular and respected member of the International Council of Nurses is Miss Bergljot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Nurses' Association. Her appearance at the Banquet at Cologne in 1912, when the proposal of an Educational Memorial to Florence Nightingale was made, was memorable, for she then announced that the Norwegian Nurses had no Association, but after the inspiration of that Congress they were going home to form one, which they promptly successfully did. Although, owing to the disruption of the Great War, they were not formally admitted to affiliation with the I.C.N. until the meeting of the Executive Committee in Copenhagen in 1922, Sister Larsson, as President of the Association, always kept in close touch with the International Council of Nurses and its aspirations which she made her own. She is specially sound upon the necessity for the three years' standard of training and her voice has on several occasions been earnestly raised in opposition to any lowering of that standard. Having had the pleasure of visiting the Headquarters of the Norwegian Nurses' Association in 1923, I am able to realise the extent and efficiency of its organisation, and the interpretation placed by its President on international friendship which is deep and real.

Miss Larsson is also a leader of nursing in Scandinavia in connection with the important Association of Nurses of the North.

She attended the Congresses of the I.C.N. in Helsingfors and Montreal, and took an active part in the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Miss Larsson was present at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. in Geneva in 1931 when Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Chairman of its Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, presented its report, and at which the decision was taken that the Memorial should take the form of an endowed Foundation for post-graduate nursing education.

She is one of the five Delegates elected to represent the International Council of Nurses on the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, in which capacity she attended the Inaugural Meeting of the Foundation in London in July, where her sweet, picturesque, and lovable personality was greatly appreciated.

Dr. Alice Masarykova.

Dr. Alice Masarykova, President of the Czechoslovak Red Cross, has done a great deal in Czechoslovakia to raise the standard of nursing. Through the influence of the Red Cross, the State School of Nursing at Prague was founded. It was due to her initiative and her generosity in making the first contribution that a Residence for the students taking the International Courses was first opened at 15, Manchester Square.

Mlle. Lucie Odier.

Mlle. Lucie Odier is a member of the Swiss Nurses' Association which is affiliated to the Swiss Red Cross. She worked during the war in France and Switzerland and later became Directress of the Public Health Nursing Service of the Genevose Red Cross.

In 1930 she was appointed Member of the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva and represented the Committee at the Congresses of the International Council of Nurses in Montreal in 1929 and in Paris and Brussels in 1933.

Miss Venny Snellman.

Miss Venny Snellman, President of the National Council of Nurses of Finland, is a well-known and active figure in the International Council of Nurses. When it met in Helsingfors in 1925 she was one of the four official delegates of the Nurses' Association of Finland, and was at that time working in connection with General Mannerheim's League of Child Welfare.

She was a student of the 1921-22 Public Health Course organised by the League of Red Cross Societies at Bedford College, and attended the meeting of the International Council of Nurses—Paris-Brussels—in 1933, when the Board of Directors unanimously adopted the Draft Scheme for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

As President of the National Council of Nurses of Finland, she attended the recent Inaugural Meeting in London of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and as President of the Association of Old Students of the International Course at Bedford College presented to Sir Arthur Stanley, as Treasurer of the Foundation, on their behalf, a cheque for over £272 as their contribution to the Foundation, thus giving a practical demonstration of her enthusiasm and forcefulness in this relation.

The Marchesa di Targiani Giunti.

The Marchesa di Targiani Giunti is Directress of the Nursing Service of the Italian Red Cross, and as such has done much to raise the standard of nursing in Italy. She played a prominent part during the war, and later during the earthquakes which devastated large parts of Italy. She entertained, most hospitably, the members of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain who attended the International Tuberculosis Congress in Rome in 1928, and it was through her good offices that its President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and Mrs. Cecil Carter had the honour of presentation to Signor Mussolini at an evening Reception. She is a member of the Nursing Advisory Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies and has presided at its meetings.

Those who have had the privilege of seeing something of the work done in the Roman Campagna by the Public Health Nurses of the Italian Red Cross, amongst the primitive people who descend from the high mountains of the Abruzzi for six months in the year, and are cultivating the land, which is the surest way of abolishing the mosquito, realise the great value of the work of these nurses in lonely outposts. The Marchesa di Targiani Giunti is thus Directress of a Nursing Service of the first importance.

HON. TREASURER.

Sir Arthur Stanley.

The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., M.V.O., LL.D., Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, is well known in the Nursing World as Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, of the Joint Council of the B.R.C.S. and the Order of St. John, and Chairman of the College of Nursing. Sir Arthur Stanley has taken the kindest interest in the proposal of the International Council of Nurses for the co-operation of the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies for the organisation and endowment of an Educational Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. He has acted as Chairman of the Provisional Committee of representatives of the two bodies which, in affiliation, have brought the Foundation into being and his expert chairmanship must be recognised as the predominating factor in the success of the initial proceedings which have achieved such a happy result.

MARGARET BREAY.

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