

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

DEATH OF MISS CLARA DUTTON NOYES, R.N.

It is with much sorrow that we record the death from heart failure, on Wednesday, June 3rd, of Miss Clara Dutton Noyes, R.N., Director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, while motoring to her office at the Headquarters of the American Red Cross, Washington, D.C.

Miss Noyes was a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, and we first made her acquaintance as a young nurse on "International Day" at the Nurses' Congress in Buffalo, U.S.A., in 1901.

Both by personality and ability she was marked out for promotion and rapidly rose to the head of her profession.

The loss to the Nursing Profession caused by her death will be keenly felt throughout the world. A prominent and forceful member of the International Council of Nurses, she was an arresting figure at its Meetings and Congresses. She has held the position of First Vice-President during three successive terms, and had been nominated by the American Nurses' Association for election in 1937 as President for the next Quadrennial Period. She was a fine Chairman, a logical speaker, an independent thinker, and her opinion on professional subjects was always received with attention.

Miss Noyes was the Chairman of the Committee of the American Nurses' Association, the members of which as their Memorial to their colleagues who "died in service" during the Great War, presented the Florence Nightingale School and Nurses' Residence to the Hospital at Talence, Bordeaux, dedicating it to the "Higher Education of Nurses, for humanity and for France." It is the finest piece of work ever undertaken and successfully accomplished by any Association of Nurses, and was recognised by the presentation to Miss Noyes of a gold medal specially designed in her honour.

In her last Christmas letter of greeting to us, enclosing a card of "My little Home," was the note, "I shall be with you in 1937 if you will promise to take me to Embley Park."

Mr. and Mrs. Crosfield most kindly made this possible, but alas! *L'homme propose, Dieu dispose.*

On June 4th the following telegram was dispatched to Miss Susan C. Francis, President of the American Nurses' Association, on behalf of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain:

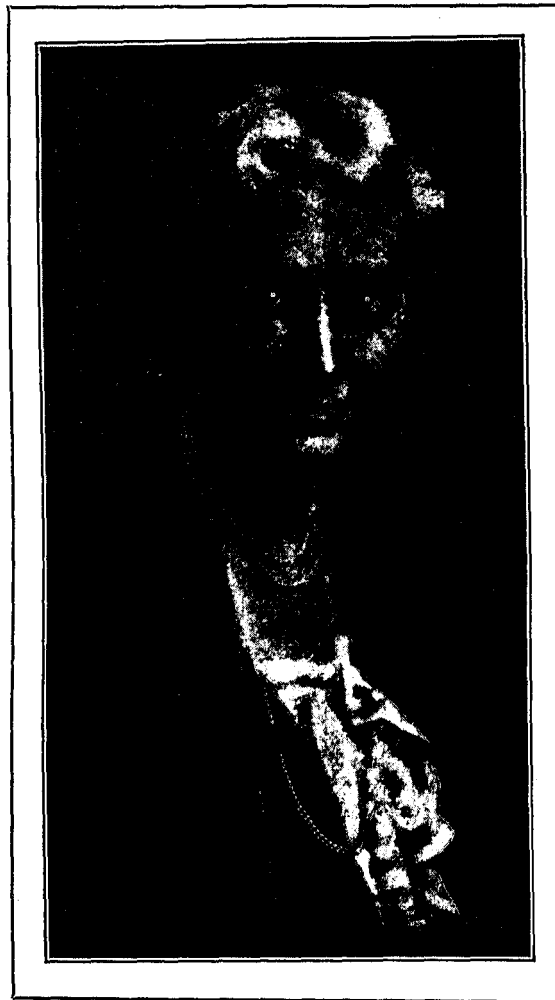
"All our sympathy with the American Nurses' Association on death of distinguished leader, Clara D. Noyes.

FENWICK, President."

The Executive Secretary has returned to Headquarters after her visit to Nursing Centres in the Near East, Syria, Turkey, Iraq, Palestine and Greece.

In the second issue of *The International Nursing Review*, quotes from Miss Schwarzenberg's letters premised a most interesting report of her travels in its next issue.

After her short visit to London to attend the Programme Committee of the Quadrennial Congress to be held in London in July, 1937, invitations to Member Associations are being issued from Headquarters inviting them to nominate speakers for the subjects suggested for debate.



THE LATE MISS CLARA DUTTON NOYES, R.N.

Director American Red Cross Nursing Service.
First Vice-President International Council of Nurses.

It is inevitable, of course, as time goes on that there should be changes in the personnel of the senior officers of the Nurses' National Organisations, but seldom have two resignations been notified that have aroused such sincere regret, and such a deep sense of loss, as those of Sister Bergljot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Nurses' Association, and of Mlle. Jeanne Hellemans, of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses.

SISTER BERGLJOT LARSSON.

Sister Bergljot Larsson, whom to know is to love, and who has been the honoured President of the Norwegian Nurses' Association for 23 years, decided not to accept re-election at its recent annual meeting, and has been succeeded by Sister Marit Berg-Domaas, Instructor of Nurses at the Municipal Hospitals, Oslo, for a period of four years.

Sister Bergljot Larsson still retains the positions of Superintendent of the different departments of the Association, editorship of the Official Journal, *Sykepleien*, and leader of the Postgraduate School administration, teaching, laboratory work, dietetics, etc., so that her life's work for the uplifting of nursing in Norway, and her close association with nursing in Scandinavia, where she is recognised as its most valued leader, is assured.

The close association of Sister Bergljot Larsson with the work of the International Council of

Nurses for nearly a quarter of a century has been invaluable, her nobility of character, erudition and charm have set her on a pedestal all her own. At its meetings, firmly as she stands for professional self-determination, liberality of thought and action, tempered with kindness, has ever distinguished her conduct of affairs in international council.

Her British colleagues offer her warm gratitude for her past services to the profession of nursing at home and abroad, and wish her to know that they are looking forward eagerly to welcoming her as an honoured guest to the coming Congress in London in 1937.

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