

**MAKERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
who have passed beyond the Veil.**

The International Council of Nurses has numbered amongst those who helped to found it women of outstanding ability, high ethical standards, wide outlook, and great unselfishness, and we must briefly record our gratitude to a few of those who have held high office in its counsels and have now passed beyond the veil.

Miss Isla Stewart.

First must be mentioned Miss Isla Stewart, Matron and Superintendent of Nursing at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, from 1887 to 1910.

This is not the place to record the many and great services rendered by Miss Stewart to the Nursing Profession. From its foundation in 1899 she gave unstinted service to the organisation of the International Council of Nurses. She attended the early meetings of the Council in Buffalo, Berlin, Paris, and London, and with that *joie de vivre* which was so marked a characteristic of her generous nature, keenly enjoyed the opportunities of professional intercourse thus provided with the foremost nurses of the world, and the opportunities of social enjoyment in Europe and America which the International Council of Nurses has so freely afforded.

Sister Agnes Karll.

Sister Agnes Karll, first President of the German Nurses' Association, first became known to her international Colleagues when the Quinquennial Meeting of the International Council of Nurses was held in Berlin in June 1904. She told those present that the founders and members of the German Nurses' Association had had a hard struggle to inaugurate the Association, and it was like sunshine to her when she first received letters from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Dock telling her that the International Council of Nurses would hold its meeting in Berlin. She felt sure it would be a great help to German Nurses. Thereafter, Sister Agnes Karll's whole-hearted allegiance and organising ability were placed at the disposal of the International Council of Nurses. The wonderful organisation of the Congress held in Cologne in 1912 during her term of office as President is known throughout the Council.

Mrs. Henny Tscherning.

Mrs. Henny Tscherning, President of the Danish Nurses' Association joined the Council in the year of its inception, and the Association was admitted to membership in 1909. Mrs. Tscherning was President of the International Council of Nurses in the troublous years from 1915 to 1922. In the latter year she organised a meeting of the Grand Council in Copenhagen, and the following year a meeting of the Board of Directors was held there, at both of which those who attended them were received with the greatest hospitality and kindness by the President and her co-workers.

The members of the Associations of Nurses affiliated to the I.C.N. who attended these meetings remember the fine organisation of the Danish Council of Nurses under the Presidency of Mrs. Tscherning, and those who visited Copenhagen, after the Congress in Helsingfors, found her, though manifestly aged, just as alert and as interested in the work of the I.C.N. as ever.

Baroness Mannerheim.

Baroness Mannerheim, President of the Finnish Nurses' Association, afterwards, in conjunction with the National League of Trained Nurses, the National Council of Trained Nurses of Finland, first came into contact with nurses internationally at the Paris Congress in 1907, and at the London Congress, in 1909, the Finnish Nurses' Association was admitted to membership of the Inter-

national Council. She was elected President of the Council in Copenhagen in 1922, and three years later organised the International Congress of Nurses held in Helsingfors, when the members of the Congress at the professional meetings, from the opportunities afforded of visiting many interesting institutions, and the generous hospitality provided, enjoyed a most stimulating week which, throughout, bore the deep impression of the attractive personality of the President.

Mlle. L. Chaptal.

Mlle. L. Chaptal, Chevalier of the Legion of Honour of France, President of the International Council of Nurses from 1929 to 1933, and President of the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, was one of the most strenuous creators of our international nursing movement, a brilliant woman, physically frail but of unconquerable spirit. In our April issue, in notifying her passing, we gave a brief summary of her work in connection with the International Council of Nurses in which we were associated with her in happy friendship for thirty years.

Mlle. Chaptal had a high place in the estimation of French Government circles, and was thus, through the National Association of Trained Nurses of France, able to effect far-reaching nursing reforms. We treasure the memory of a very gracious personality, concerned in many directions for the uplift of the human race.

Two Essential Principles of the I.C.N.

Two essential principles have, from the first, dominated the organisation of the International Council of Nurses, the principle of self-determination, and of wide international sympathy, embracing, for example, and utilising, all that is best in each National Association, for all have some contribution to make for the common good.

Who, as the story of the International Council of Nurses is unfolded, can deny the splendour of the vision upon which, with the co-operation of the nurses of the world, this great organisation has become a world-wide force? The splendour of the vision has been translated into the splendour of achievement. Thank God that here and there in a century there are still those who see visions and dream dreams.

AN INTERNATIONAL HYMN.

We print below the hymn written for the International Council of Nurses by the Sister of the Founder.

"With Unity of Purpose Serving Thee."

Healer Divine, all we from many lands,
With unity of purpose, serving Thee,
Crave, earnestly, acceptance at Thy hands
Of the true Sisterhood we strive to be.

Fain would we follow humbly in Thy wake,
Wide-spreading armies with a single aim,
Our legions battling but for mercy's sake
Beneath the banner of Thy sacred name.

Grant us the sympathy, the skilful hands,
The vigilance that fails not day nor night,
And, over all things else, our cause demands
Thy blessing on the issue of the fight.

So when the foeman creeps within the line,
Lord, at Thy bidding, help us to stand fast,
And in the strength and patience which are Thine
To hold his menace back unto our last.

And when the Darkness falls, or soon or late,
Help us to smooth the roughness of the way
For those who pass beyond a narrow gate
That opens to the light of Perfect Day.

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