

visited London and communicated with the Bedford College for Women on the proposed scheme. Results however did not materialise. Soon came the clash of arms, and chaos ; after which time no serious effort was made to organise a scheme. In 1929 Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was elected at the Montreal Meeting of the I.C.N. to succeed Miss Carrie Hall, of Boston, U.S.A., as chair of the Memorial Committee, and presented a suggestive Report to the Board of Directors at its Meeting at Geneva in June, 1931, when it was agreed that the form of the foundation should be educational and be centred in London. Owing to circumstances they believed the psychological moment had now arrived when the matter must be considered and when action should be taken.

It was greatly hoped that after attending "Nightingale Week" those who had taken part in it would be inspired to render homage and service in support of the organisa-

this and all previous International Congresses of Nurses being placed on record for future generations of nurses to study, and if possible to emulate.

1943

Once again the prophetic voice is raised with characteristic foresight in opposition to the disastrous Nurses Act 1943, primarily promoted by the Association of Hospital Matrons, the Horder Committee of the Royal College of Nursing, with the General Nursing Council for England and Wales *in camera* prepared to support it.

It was impossible for even these columns to describe the profound grief felt by the late Editor, that a British Government should so de-grade the status of the Nursing Profession, the detrimental effects of which are increasingly evident, and, as always was the case, her vision foresaw so clearly cause and effect of misguided legislation.



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tion of a living "Florence Nightingale International Foundation" through which her irradiant spirit may inspire knowledge on the laws of health and happiness, the remedial care and comfort of the sick, and the true organisation of international sympathy amongst the nurses of the world. After twenty years it fell to the lot of Ethel Gordon Fenwick to be the principal organiser of the proposed Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

1937

The great International Congress of Nurses held in London in July, 1937, was fully reported in this Journal, from the opening of the Congress to the closing scenes and Addresses of Farewell.

Our late Editor was Chairman of the Congress Arrangements Committee, the preparation of every detail being under her expert supervision, and to Ethel Gordon Fenwick and Margaret Breay this Journal owed a tremendous debt of gratitude for the events of

On the visit of Sophie, Queen Dowager of Greece, to the Editor in 1931, when Her Majesty asked "Have you written your memoirs, for you have had such an interesting life?" the Editor, pointing to the cabinet containing 78 volumes of *The British Journal of Nursing*, replied—"All that is worth recording will be found therein!"

We cannot close this short record of 60 years' work without paying humble tribute to Ethel Gordon Fenwick, Bedford Fenwick and Margaret Breay for their unceasing efforts in recording the history of the early struggle of the nurses of this Empire to reach the goal which lay before them through many rough and stony paths—STATE REGISTRATION.

This unique professional Journal, compiled by the late Editor up to the time of her death on March 13, 1947, at the great age of 90 years, is a lasting testimony of a long life ardently devoted to her profession and to her exceptional characteristics which distinguished her as a great citizen and patriot.

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