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Origin of Industrial Nursing

The Origin of Industrial Nursing in Vermont, the topic of this issue, was researched and written by Mrs. Henry. J. Markolf, formerly Ada Mayo Stewart R.N. the first industrial nurse in the United States.

Industrial Nursing originated in 1895 at Proctor, Vermont at the Vermont Marble Works. In that year Mr. Fletcher D. Proctor, later Governor of Vermont, and president of the Vermont Marble Company, an individual concerned over the welfare of his employees, decided to employ a district nurse. She came from the Waltham (Mass.) School of Nursing, the only school of its kind at that time.

The ongoing development, from this early beginning, is described in full detail. Photographs of Mr. Proctor, Ada Mayo Stewart, and a floor plan of the Proctor Hospital lend additional interest.