

Distinguished Nurses Honoured.

DAME LAURA KNIGHT, R.A., was the Guest of Honour on the evening of January 12th, 1955, when a large gathering of nurses were the guests of Lady Mann at the headquarters of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and formally presented painted portraits of the first two Nurse Chairmen of the Council—Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., member of the Council from 1923 to December, 1944, and Chairman of Council from 1923 to January, 1944; and Miss Dorothy M. Smith, C.B.E., S.R.N., member of Council from 1938 and Chairman since 1944.

Lady Mann expressed warm appreciation of the very fine life-like portraits, that of Dame Ellen Musson executed by Dame Laura Knight, and that of Miss D. M. Smith by



Dame Ellen Musson, D.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N.

Mr. Harold Knight, regrettably prevented from attending this delightful event.

The portraits may be hung at the Royal Academy during the summer, and will then find their permanent position in the Council Chamber of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

The War Office announces the appointment of Dame Anne Thomson, D.B.E., R.R.C., as Colonel Commandant of Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps with effect from 12th December, 1954.

Dame Anne Thomson was Matron-in-Chief and Director of Army Nursing Services from 1948 until 1952. She retired in 1952 having served in the Army for 29 years.

And, to add greater honours to his age than man could give him, he died fearing God.

SHAKESPEARE

Nursing Echoes.

ON JANUARY 21ST, 1955, Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal unveiled a plaque affixed to a block of offices now occupying the site of No. 10, South Street, Park Lane, London, W., where Florence Nightingale lived the later years of her life and where she died in 1910.

The Plaque bears the following inscription:—

L.C.C.
In a house
on this site
Florence Nightingale
1820-1910
lived and died



Miss Dorothy M. Smith, C.B.E., S.R.N.

This ceremony was arranged by the Florence Nightingale Hospital, 19, Lisson Grove, London, N.W., in association with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. We are very glad that consent has now been given for this plaque to be affixed. The British College of Nurses, Ltd., made representation some years ago but without success.

THE CITIZENS OF WALSALL again paid annual tribute to the memory of Sister Dora's birthday by placing a floral tribute on her statue on The Bridge.

A wreath of laurels and some flowers were also placed on her grave in Queen Street Cemetery on January 17th.

It is wonderful that in these days of so many diversions the people of Walsall should remember the noble and self-sacrificing labours of Sister Dora in the days of 1865-1878.

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