

### THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

We have great pleasure in announcing that Miss Cox-Davies, who will deliver the Isla Stewart Oration at the Guildhall, E.C., on the evening of Friday, November 24th, will be supported by Mrs. May Wright Sewall, of the United States, Founder of the International Council of Women, who will take part in the Ceremony to be held in honour of a woman she holds in affectionate remembrance. Since the death of Miss Isla Stewart the great Associations of Canadian and American Nurses have expressed deep sympathy with us, and have in warm terms voiced their admiration for her personal character. It is specially agreeable, therefore, that Mrs. Sewall, who has inspired the women of the world with the spirit of solidarity, should be associated with us upon the occasion of the First Oration.

The construction of the Guildhall makes it possible for every one present to have a clear view of the platform, but the seats are limited. Of the 230 seats in the Hall it is proposed to reserve 100 for members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, which may be procured from Miss Cutler, Hon. Secretary N.C.N., at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Members of the following affiliated Societies forming the National Council, should apply for tickets at the office, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

Seats will be reserved on the platform for the Presidents of affiliated societies able to be present.

#### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Society for the State Registration of Nurses.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

The League of St. John's House Nurses.

The Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League.

The Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League.

The Cleveland Street Branch, Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League.

The Hendon Branch, Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League.

The School Nurses' League.

The Royal South Hants Nurses' League.

The Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League.

The General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League.

The Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League.

Steevens' Hospital Nurses' League, Dublin.

### THE SPIRIT OF THE ORATION.

It is not intended that the Annual Oration should be an occasion for sorrow, rather the reverse, that it should be inspired by a spirit of bright hopefulness. The keynote of Miss Stewart's harmonious life was sounded in a joyous tone. Almost her last words expressed her gratitude for those vivid gifts of temperament which could command happiness. There is to be nothing funereal about the Guildhall gathering. Badges should be worn, and may we suggest also a nosegay of flowers. Time is so fleeting that we cannot afford to give up to grief the things for which we have most reason to rejoice. Surely to have known and loved what is gracious, even when its material evidence has passed, must be counted as gain in our evolution towards ultimate bliss.

### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE PICTURE.

We are glad to learn that the beautiful picture of Miss Florence Nightingale, issued by the Men's League for Women's Suffrage, and advertised in this journal on October 21st, has been in great demand. Only a few copies now remain, and should be applied for at once, if required, in the coupon to be found on page ix.

### THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

Nurses are asked to note that the first of a course of five lectures, to be given under the auspices of the Nurses' Missionary League on "Apologetics and Constructive Christian Doctrine," will be delivered at University Hall, Gordon Square, London, W.C., on Friday, November 3rd. Miss Lena Fox, M.D., will preside, and the Rev. Dugald Macfadyen, M.A., will lecture on "Christian Missions and the Modern Mind," at 7.45 p.m.

### POOR LAW INFIRMARY MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A very well attended meeting of the above Association was held on October 28th, at Kensington Infirmary, Miss Alsop, the matron, being in the chair. The Hon. Secretary read a correspondence she had been having with Mr. Worthington Evans, M.P., who has been interesting himself with regard to the position of Poor Law Infirmary Nurses under the National Insurance Bill. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to him, also to the Hon. Secretary, and the Medical Superintendents' Society, who had advised and supported the Matrons' Association in the matter. Several questions of interest

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