

### NURSING AND THE WAR.

Many tributes of affection and respect were placed around the statue of Florence Nightingale in Waterloo Place, S.W., on May 12th, a day which will always be memorable as the birthday of the great Englishwoman to whom the civilized world pays homage.

The plinth of the statue was in the hands of workpeople and the scaffolding placed over it had been converted into a laurel shrine. A halo of golden arums, daffodils, and iris shone above the head of the statue, and on the plinth, also carried out in yellow flowers, were the words "Women's Service, 1854-1910." The place of honour in front of the statue was by right accorded to the wreath sent by the pupils of the Nightingale School

constant stream of copper and silver coins tinkled into the boxes of the sellers which also contained a goodly collection of pound notes. The first demand came from Buckingham Palace to 58, Victoria Street, on the evening of Thursday, May 11th, so the vendors whose stock in trade was some four and a half million lamps started out in good spirits to dispose of their wares. Greater London for a radius of 30 miles was placed under contribution and the total collection amounted to a substantial sum, though the amount is not known as we go to press.

The Tsaritsa and her four daughters paid a two-hours' visit to the Anglo-Russian Hospital in Petrograd last week. The first mobile field detachment of the hospital, with a motor and horse



DECORATING WOUNDED OFFICERS IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.  
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at St. Thomas's Hospital, which she founded. The Sisters, nurses, and probationers at the London hospital also sent wreaths of roses, red and white, and other gifts of flowers proved the honour in which the Lady of the Lamp is held by her disciples.

At the feet of the statue during the day sellers were busy plying their trade in the little lamps with which, as the day wore on, most Londoners seemed decorated. Wounded soldiers, always true to their allegiance, were some of the readiest purchasers, and the Women's Service Bureau, the Women's Emergency Corps, and the Star and Garter Fund are considerably the richer, for a

transport, goes to the north-western front in about a fortnight. The party will consist of Lady Sybil Grey, Drs. Harmer, May, and Gardiner, and six nurses.

We have pleasure in publishing the picture of Miss M. A. Harvey who has recently received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross on page 436. Miss Harvey was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, and after a varied experience was called up for duty as Matron of the Second Southern Hospital, Bristol, T.F., in August, 1914. She is at present working as Matron of a hospital with the British Expeditionary Force in France.

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