

**HOMAGE TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, O.M.****BORN MAY 12th, 1820. DIED AUGUST 13th, 1910.**

It is now just on twenty-one years since Florence Nightingale passed away, and even yet the fullness of her greatness has not been realised although groups of faithful adherents still keep the lamp to her memory burning clear.

On Tuesday, May 12th, the 111th anniversary of her birthday, groups of nurses and midwives assembled at the base of her statue in Waterloo Place.

Early in the morning a wreath had been placed on the base of the statue facing the Horse Guards and the War Office, composed of laurels, palms, yew, deep and pale mauve and yellow irises—a lovely tribute inscribed:—

THE NIGHTINGALE FUND.  
TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.  
ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL,  
MAY 12TH.  
IN GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE OF  
OUR FOUNDRRESS  
FROM THE NIGHTINGALE SCHOOL.

Punctually, at ten o'clock, there assembled on the east side of the statue Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, who, on the invitation of Colonel Percy W. Weidner, President, and Miss Georgia Bryton, Founder of the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables, Los Angeles, California, had charge of the ceremonial of placing the Institute's Wreath; Miss Sparshott, President of the College of Nursing; Miss Helen Dey, Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Vice-President; Miss A. M. Bushby, Director; Miss S. A. Villiers, J.P., Hon. Secretary; Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer of the National Council, and Mr. J. Kimpton, whose efficient help was greatly appreciated.

The handsome violet ribbon with which the wreath was tied bore on its streamers the following inscription:—

FROM  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA,  
U.S.A.,  
THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INSTITUTE OF  
HONORABLES  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
SALUTES THE IMMORTAL MEMORY OF  
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE,  
MANKIND'S SUBLIME BENEFACTRESS,  
ON THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH  
ANNIVERSARY OF HER BIRTHDAY,  
12TH MAY, 1931.

Nor ever shall be wanting here  
The palm, the lily and the spear  
The symbols that of yore  
St. Filomena bore.

*Henry W. Longfellow.*

Accompanying the wreath was the following Citation, read by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. It was framed in a handsome dull gold frame, at its head the initials "F. N.," and at the four corners the words "Honor, Humanity, Altruism, Religion."

**CITATION.**

TO ALL PERSONS WHO HONOR THE MEMORY OF  
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

This wreath was deposited at the Florence Nightingale Monument, London, by the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables of the United States of America, on the one hundred and eleventh anniversary of Miss Nightingale's nativity 12 May, 1931.

The Los Angeles Committee of the Institute which sent the material composing the wreath from Los Angeles to London, where it was fashioned into complete form, included:

*Regents, High Councilor, Colleagues.*

Mrs. Horatio Walker, Jr., Chairman; Hon. William E. Evans, Louis B. Mayer, Miss Anne W. Patton, Very Rev. Harry Beal, George L. Eastman, J. A. H. Kerr, Rev. Thomas C. Marshall.

In London a committee co-operated in depositing the wreath at the monument, of which the personnel were:

*Honorary Fellows.*

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Margaret Breay, Mr. J. Kimpton.

The composition of the wreath is a base of black stained California magnolia leaves forming a background for fifty-six silvered leaves, which represent the forty-eight States, two territories, and six extra Continental possessions of the United States, and which were included by arrangement with the Governors of the fifty-six Commonwealths, so that all of the 137,500,000 population of the United States and its dependencies might participate officially in the Institute's reverent salutation to Florence Nightingale's hallowed memory. The red rose and American Flag represent the Capital of the United States, the District of Columbia. The white rose and Red Cross emblem represent the nurses of America.

By authority of the Academy of Regents.

GEORGIA BRYTON,                      PERCY W. WEIDNER,  
Founder.                                      President.

Other tributes placed at the base of the statue were a sheaf of dark and light purple iris from the College of Nursing, a wreath of laurel and crimson carnations, brought by Miss Rosalind Paget, and Members of the Incorporated Midwives Institute, bearing the inscription: "In Memoriam, Florence Nightingale, from the Trained and Certified Midwives," and a wreath of scarlet-geraniums, for it was the day of the blind and they have adopted this flower as their symbol.

Later in the morning, with some ceremonial, a shield was laid on behalf of the British Red Cross Society and its associated societies throughout the Dominions and the Colonies by Mrs. Prentice, R.R.C., grand-niece of Florence Nightingale, who was escorted to the statue by a detachment of V.A.D.s.

The shield was composed of white hydrangeas, with a cross of scarlet carnations, and bore the inscription: "To the unfading and honoured memory of Florence Nightingale, to whose example the Red Cross Societies of the world owe their inspiration."

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