

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE'S BIRTHDAY.

On May 12th the anniversary of Florence Nightingale's birthday was celebrated throughout the Empire as Red Cross Day.

The chief ceremony took place at the Florence Nightingale statue in Waterloo Place. There Lady Northcote, President of the County of London branch of the British Red Cross Society, laid a wreath on the memorial in the presence of a guard of London Red Cross members.

FLORAL TRIBUTES.

The place of honour was reserved for the very beautiful sheaf of yellow and purple irises from the Nightingale Fund, Nightingale School for Nurses.

"With love and remembrances of past and present nurses."

The Red Cross tribute was a magnificent shield composed of white violas with a cross of vivid red carnations.

"To the Glory of God and in Homage to the memory of Florence Nightingale, to whose example the Red Cross Societies of the world owe their inspiration."

A cushion of white stocks with a scarlet centre. "In memory of Florence Nightingale's love for animals, from the British Union for Abolition of Vivisection, and in recognition of her pioneer work for Cleanliness in Medicine and Nursing."

A bronze sheaf.

"To the pious and immortal," from the W.M. Brethren the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706."

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Executive Committee of the League of Red Cross Societies met on April 25th, at the Headquarters of the Secretariat in Paris, the sessions being presided successively by Colonel Draught, the Marquis de Lillers and Senor Conill, Vice-Chairmen of the Board of Governors, when the following resolution was adopted:—

The Executive Committee—

Has taken cognisance with interest of the proposal of the International Council of Nurses to establish an International Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation in London, taking as basis The International Nursing courses instituted by the League. It is observed with satisfaction that the realisation of this plan would ensure the continuance of the courses on a permanent footing

and the development of similar facilities to enable highly qualified nurses to improve their knowledge.

The Executive Committee—

(a) approves the steps taken by the Secretariat to ensure, thanks to the generosity of the American Red Cross, the continuance of the Courses until July, 1933, and to terminate the financial responsibility of the League in this connection at that date;

(b) authorises the Secretary General to inform the International Council of Nurses that the League fully associates itself with the Council's plan, and will be glad to co-operate in putting it into effect. The Secretariat is instructed to negotiate with the representatives of the proposed foundation as soon as it comes into being, with the view to the transfer of the Courses to the authorities which will direct them in future;

(c) expresses the hope the National Societies for their part will be willing to co-operate to the best of their power in the realisation of the plan.



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After portrait by Stanislaw Rembski. Presented to Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York.

The decision of the League of Red Cross Societies to co-operate with the International Council of Nurses in placing on a secure foundation the proposed International Memorial to Florence Nightingale, should ensure success, and we earnestly hope the nurses of the world will appreciate the honour of expressing homage and gratitude to the great Founder of Modern Nursing Educational Standards, whose teaching defined for all time the principles upon which the Profession of Nursing is securely based, and whose personal example remains for ever an inspiration to those worthy to carry on work of the highest value to humanity.

Through the kindness of Miss Isabel Stewart, Professor of Nursing Education, Teachers' College, New York, we are able to reproduce the new portrait

by Stanislaw Rembski of Professor M. Adelaide Nutting, which was recently presented to Teachers' College, as we reported in our April issue. Miss Nutting is the recognised leader of nursing educational thought in America, and we owe to her love of books and the appreciation of the value of history the rapidly growing appreciation of the genius of Florence Nightingale. We deeply regret that she is not able to take the fatiguing journey to London to be with us during Nightingale Week—but assure her that we have kept her letters of advice before us during the consideration of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation Scheme.

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