

permeating the Nursing world, and with no reflection on others, Miss Lloyd-Still will for all time be recognised as the Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital who realised with enthusiasm the value of securing everything possible associated with the blessed memory of Florence Nightingale and saving for posterity material things possessed or used by her—which have now an almost sacred value—Letters in her beautiful handwriting (and what a blessing she wrote so many), pictures, books, documents, items touched by her hand—to say nothing of the barbarous vehicle used by her in the Crimea! What wonder that the proposal for an International Memorial to Miss Nightingale in the form of an Educational Foundation should meet with enthusiastic support throughout the ranks of the Fellowship?

Once a year the Nightingale Training School holds a Commemoration Service in St. Thomas's Hospital Chapel. "Florence Nightingale, O.M. Born May 12th, 1820. Died August 13th, 1910."

This year the "Order of Service" was very satisfying, from which we may quote "The Fellowship Prayer."

#### NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

**G**OD, who of old time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people by sending to them the Light of Thy Holy Spirit: Grant, we beseech Thee, at this time, Thy especial blessing and guidance to those who are working for the realisation of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. That its work may be the means of helping, throughout the world, those whose vocation is service to the poor and suffering. That they, following steadfastly in the steps of Him, Who went about doing good, may ever strive, in their service to mankind, to glorify Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the same Spirit liveth for evermore. Amen.

"The Bidding Prayer" was most merciful, followed by an Address by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and then:—

#### THE THANKSGIVING.

**W**E praise and bless Thy Holy Name, O Lord, for the life and example of Florence Nightingale, founder of this Training School, and all other Thy servants, members of this School, who are departed hence from us, with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace.

Grant them, we beseech Thee, Thy mercy and everlasting peace, and, that in the day of the general resurrection, we and all they that be of the mystical Body of Thy Son, may together be set on His right hand, and hear that His most joyful voice: "Come unto me, O ye that be blessed of my Father, and possess the kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world."

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

Te Deum. The National Anthem. The Blessing.

By kind permission we insert a Portrait of Miss Lloyd-Still from the Painting by George Harcourt, R.A., which was hung in the Royal Academy in 1932—and which was reproduced in *The Nightingale Fellowship Journal*, July, 1932. The Portrait is now placed in the Nightingale Home for Nurses at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and is naturally an object of veneration to members of the School who appreciate the qualities of "Our Matron."

#### "SISTER HISTORIAN."

The History of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, by Professor Parsons, and "The Life of Florence Nightingale" by Mrs. I. B. O'Malley, are works to procure at the earliest possible moment. We are glad to find that nurses are becoming increasingly keen in the study of hospital and nursing history. We look forward to finding a "Sister Historian" in every Nurse Training School.

## ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### CONCERT IN SUPPORT OF THE SETTLEMENT HOME.

The Concert which took place at 194, Queen's Gate on Thursday, May 18th, in support of our Settlement Home for Retired Nurses was a most successful one, and our large double drawing-room was packed to its utmost capacity. On her arrival Her Royal Highness Princess Arthur of Connaught, the President, was presented by Miss Cynthia Vansittart with a beautiful Victorian bouquet. The Concert was arranged by Miss Bessie Kiek, and this well-known and most popular pianist played throughout the entire performance; many were the comments we heard afterwards on her brilliant playing. Miss Elizabeth Ryan charmed the audience with her delightful rendering of such varied songs as "Where e'er you walk," "Love went a-riding" and some songs of the Hebrides; we were enraptured not only by her beautiful voice but by the real artistry with which these songs were rendered. Miss Orrea Pernel (violinist), who is already well known to a wide public, played Brahms's Hungarian Dances with great verve and finish, and she also included three modern pieces in her most delightful contribution to the Concert. Miss Thelma Reiss-Smith exhibited remarkable beauty of tone and great technical achievement with her 'cello. Her playing of Arioso, by Mazzano, and Toccata, by Frescobaldi, won rapturous applause from the audience. Mr. Laurence Holmes, the well-known baritone, sang three songs of Schubert with great feeling and sure rhythm. In his second group two Irish folk-songs showed a sense of humour combined with charm of voice. Altogether we have never had a greater musical treat at our headquarters, and it has served indeed to add to the pleasant associations which so many of our members hold with those. At the close of the performance Members of the Association presented the lady performers with beautiful bouquets of flowers, and the drawing-room itself had been most tastefully decorated by Miss Beatrice Treasure. After the performance and the singing of the National Anthem, Her Royal Highness expressed to each of the musicians the enjoyment which the various items in the programme had given to her and thanked them most graciously for their help for one of her benevolent schemes.

The sum resulting from the Concert was over £75, but there are some expenses, chiefly in connection with the platform and printing, to be taken from this; the exact amount of these we have not been able to compute as this notice goes to Press.

We owe gratitude to Miss Vansittart, through whose kindness it was that we had the privilege of this great treat; we thank her for her kindness to the nurses in the Settlement Home, and also for the unforgettable pleasure which she procured for us all at Queen's Gate.

#### THE CLUB AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

On an instruction from the Council we are to intimate to nurses, from the Dominions and elsewhere, who may be passing through London on their way to or from the Congress in Paris in July, that it has been decided that they may make use of our Club at the same terms as our own Members. We hope to have the great pleasure of welcoming many of them to the Headquarters of the Royal British Nurses' Association at 194, Queen's Gate, Kensington, S.W.7.

A very large number of our colleagues from the Dominions—and the Continent—have already found their way to our Club, and many keep in touch with its activities, and are ever welcome when they return.

ISABEL MACDONALD.

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