

SISTER DORA'S BIRTHDAY.

Forty-eight years have passed since the unveiling of Sister Dora's Statue at Walsall, and nurses rejoice to know that her Birthday is annually honoured, and that apparently her work is held in ever increasing reverence.

On Tuesday, January 16th, the anniversary was observed in the usual striking manner by floral homage being paid to her well beloved memory.

Included in a large gathering on The Bridge at 11 o'clock were the Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor S. E. and Mrs. Edge), representatives of the Town Council, Sister Dare (Assistant Matron of Walsall General Hospital), Miss Hart (Superintendent Nurse at Manor Hospital), Miss Hall (Superintendent of the Victoria Nursing Institution), Alderman E. H. Ingram, chairman of Walsall General Hospital, and Mr. Frank Bayliss (hon. treasurer of the Hospital), Mr. Peter Thomas (Deputy Town Clerk), who arranged the ceremony, and a detachment of nurses from the various local institutions. Miss Strachan, Matron of Walsall Hospital, was unable to be present on account of indisposition.

"Proud and Happy Memory."

The Mayoress placed the town's tribute, which consisted of a beautiful basket of red carnations, at the foot of the Statue. It bore the following inscription :

"In Proud and Happy Memory of Dorothy Wyndlow Pattison (Sister Dora). Born at Hauxwell, near Richmond, Yorkshire, 16th January, 1832. Matron of Walsall Cottage Hospital (now the Walsall General Hospital), 1865-1878. Died at Walsall, 24th

December, 1878. Her noble and self-sacrificing labours in the cause of the sick and suffering, endeared her to the hearts of Walsall people, and adorned with signal honour the Nursing Profession, and Walsall people delight to honour her memory.—From the Mayor and Mayoress and Townspeople of Walsall, 16th January, 1934."

A wreath of carnations was sent by Mrs. Newton-Robinson, a niece of Sister Dora (who recently presented a valuable collection of Sister Dora's souvenirs to the borough), and was laid on the Statue by Miss Edge, the Mayor's daughter, and other floral tributes were placed there, one by a nurse on behalf of Walsall General Hospital.

The Mayor's Thanks.

The Mayor, in a short speech of thanks to those who attended, said it was 102 years that day since Sister Dora was born and he was glad they had that little ceremony once a year to keep the memory of Sister Dora green. Alderman Leckie, the Borough Member, was unable to be present, but he had sent a wire stating that he was with them in spirit.

Laurel Wreath on Grave.

A wreath of laurels and some flowers were also placed on Sister Dora's grave in Queen Street Cemetery, and



STATUE OF SISTER DORA.

Councillor S. E. and Mrs. Edge, Mayor and Mayoress of Walsall. Bouquets of Homage.

there was also a floral display round the model of the Statue just outside the Mayor's Parlour at the Council House.

The day's tributes were completed by the flood-lighting of the Statue on The Bridge at night, which attracted large crowds of townspeople who passed proudly by "our Sister Dora" whose beneficent spirit

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