

## A TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, NEW YORK, U.S.A.

Someone conceived the happy idea in U.S.A. that National Hospital Day should this year be observed on May 12th, at the World's Fair to commemorate the 119th anniversary of the birth of Miss Nightingale, and Governor Herbert H. Lehman issued a proclamation to this effect.

"Great scientific advances have reduced infant mortality and increased the span of life," the Governor said in his proclamation. "Modern invention has contributed greatly to the prevention of industrial accidents. But sickness, disease and injury are inevitable. To the professions that relieve human ailments and suffering, we give our un-

bounded gratitude. Our hospitals afford us a great degree of security in sickness and in health.

from the Chairman of the American Hospital Association, Mr. Albert G. Hahn, who invited Mr. Crosfield to accept a certificate in recognition of his kindness shown to Miss Meta Pennock and her committee who arranged this most interesting commemoration which duly took place. We quote the following reference to this historic event from the *New York Herald Tribune* :—

### World's Fair Ceremony.

#### NIGHTINGALE ESTATE TREES PLANTED.

Oak saplings from the English country estate of Florence Nightingale were planted at the World's Fair on Friday, May 12th, as part of the observance of National Hospital Day, which commemorates the 119th anniversary of the birth of the Crimean War nurse who died in 1910 after founding the first modern school of nursing and initiating hospital reforms.

The first of the trees brought from the gardens of Embley Park, Romsey, Hampshire, England, was planted at 2 p.m. in the garden of the English Pavilion. At 3.30 p.m. in the Court of Peace, a pageant was presented, showing the history and costumes of nursing from A.D. 390 to 1939. At 5 p.m. more of the saplings were planted at the Italian Pavilion.

Participating in the ceremonies were Dr. Malcolm, T. MacEachern, president of the International Hospital Association; Miss Annie W. Goodrich, vice-president of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation; John Hayes,

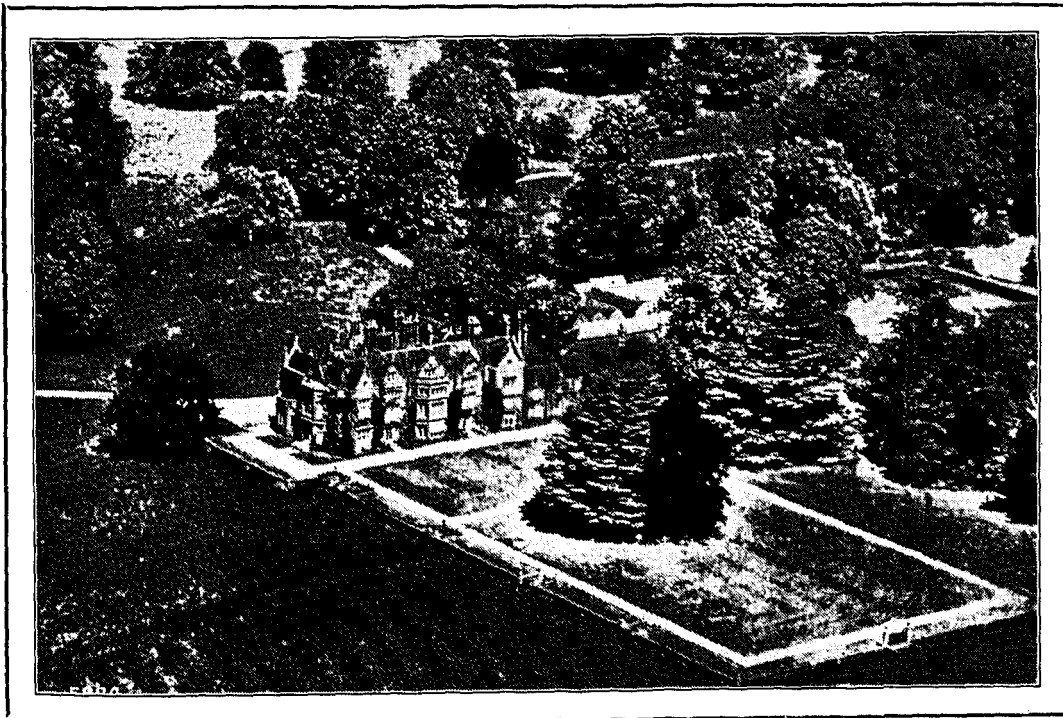
president of the Hospital Association of the State of New York; Mrs. Ethel G. Prince, president of the New York State Nurses' Association; Admiral Giuseppe Cantu, Senator of the Kingdom of Italy.

Four hundred nurses in uniform marched to the British Pavilion, from there to the Court of Peace, and then to the Italian Pavilion. A glee club of 200 student nurses representing six training schools sang. The oak saplings are the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield, present owners of the Nightingale estate.

The ceremonies at the Fair were preceded by a luncheon of 500 members of the permanent women's committees of the United Hospital Fund of New York.

Unavoidably this report is somewhat belated, but we feel sure it should be added to the Nightingaleiana which has for so many years been recorded in this JOURNAL.

Many nurses throughout the world will remember with pleasure the beauty of Embley Park, and the very great kindness of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield.



EMBLEY PARK FROM THE AIR.

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In connection with this ceremony Mr. J. J. Crosfield, of Embley Park, Hants, formerly the home of Miss Nightingale, was approached by the Committee and asked if he would donate oak saplings from the Park, as it was felt for reasons of sentiment it would be most fitting that they should be taken from a tree under which Miss Nightingale might have sat.

With his usual generosity Mr. Crosfield selected three oak saplings, had them carefully packed and dispatched to New York, and had them duly acknowledged with thanks

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