

every department relating to Hospital and the Sick and Wounded Soldier proves the unique genius of Florence Nightingale where power of observation and statistical capacity is concerned."

## II.

## SUBSIDIARY NOTES

AS TO THE

## INTRODUCTION OF FEMALE NURSING

INTO

## MILITARY HOSPITALS

IN PEACE AND IN WAR.

PRESENTED BY REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WAR.

LONDON:

PRINTED BY HARRISON &amp; SONS, ST. MARTIN'S LANE, W.C. 1858.

This book, said Miss Bushby, would do well to be read in the present day, as much good sense and candid opinion is expressed. Page 8, paragraph 15: Simplicity of Rules, Definition of Authorities, of placing the Nurses under the Medical Man; and in others, absolutely under the Female Superintendent.

## III.

Mortality of the British Army at Home and Abroad during the Russian War, as compared with the Mortality of the Civil Population in England. Finely illustrated with diagrams.

## IV.

Letter from Mrs. Nash enclosing a bit of Miss Nightingale's writing. "She wrote a great deal in pencil especially anything for herself."

## Prayer of Miss Nightingale in her Own Handwriting.

*Thou God, to whom all hearts be known, and no secrets hid from thine eye, look down now on thy servant in sore trouble, that putteth her trust in thee. Give wisdom to the simple this day, and understanding to the lonely. Thou that didst reveal to babes and sucklings the great things that were hidden from the wise, oh show us the truth in this dark matter:—enlighten us by thy spirit, for his dear sake, who suffered more sorrows than I suffer now.*

## V.

## Residence of Florence Nightingale in 1859.

Extract from "Highgate Village," by Walter K. Jealous. "West Hill Lodge, lower down, was the second residence of William and Mary Howitt. In 1857 they left the Hermitage, an old cottage, upon the site of which stand

St. Albans Villas, Highgate Road. Mary Howitt wrote:—"Highgate, however, became our settled place of residence and in 1857 we quitted the 'Hermitage'—which, by a change of proprietors, was doomed to demolition—for 'West Hill Lodge,' pleasantly situated higher up on the same ascent, and possessing from its flat accessible roof a magnificent survey of London and its environs. It stood back facing an old-fashioned garden, which, hidden from the road by a screen of clipped trees, afforded Florence Nightingale a pleasant open-air retreat when spent in the service of her country. She occupied it in great retirement during the spring and summer in 1859." Here Howitt wrote "The Northern Lights of London." The Howitts were visited by Hans Christian Andersen, William Allingham, Holman Hunt, Dante Rossetti, Woolner, Robert Buchanan, Chas. Reade, Frederick Bremer, and

many of the famous people of the period. The next house, Highgate Lodge, in the bend of the Hill, is the residence of Sir John Glover." Miss Bushby was warmly thanked for these invaluable additions to the History of Nursing Section of the College.

## VI.

Another historic gift was presented by Miss A. S. Bryson, Secretary. This was a telegram in reference to Lord Raglan's movements in the Crimea, mounted and framed at length.

## VII.

## Gift from the President.

"THE VICTORY OF THE NURSES." Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presented a beautifully bound copy

of "The Victory of the Nurses," or "How the Battle of the Charter was Fought and Won."

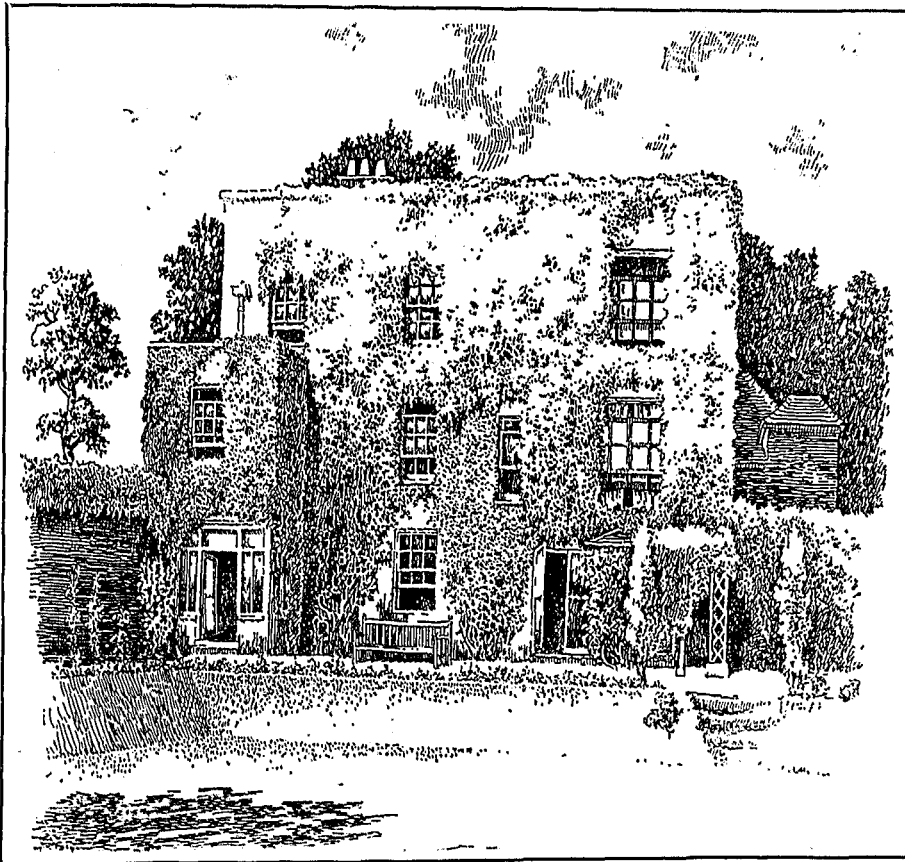
Being the true and circumstantial history of the Registration of Nurses and a Verbatim Report of the Inquiry by the Privy Council in 1892. Together with the Charter of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Mrs. Fenwick said this was the first Royal Charter granted to women in the British Empire, and contained the text of the Petition to the Queen's most excellent Majesty in Council, Queen Victoria, together with:

"The Humble Petition of Your Majesty's dutiful and loving daughter, Her Royal Highness, Helena, Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess of Great Britain and Ireland."

After thanks for historic gifts, which should be carefully studied by Registered Nurses, the meeting terminated.

Tea was served in the Secretary's office, and many topics of nursing interest discussed.



WEST HILL LODGE, HIGHGATE, HOME OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, 1859

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