

A SERVICE IN MEMORY OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

The *American Journal of Nursing* courteously sends us the programme of the Service in memory of Florence Nightingale, and of Nurses who have died in Service, held at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, New York City, on Rogation Sunday, May 14th, 1944, at 8.15 p.m.

In places of special honour were the directors of the schools of nursing in their white indoor uniforms and two small groups of nurses in the uniforms of nurses of the Spanish-American War and World War No. 1. Other impressive groups were from the Army Nurse Corps and the Navy Nurse Corps. Graduate nurses studying at Teachers' College, in cap and gown, were led by members of the Nursing faculty.

1,000 Student Nurses, in the uniforms of the U.S. Cadet Nurse Corps or the uniforms of their own schools, were grouped by schools.

This uniformed host filled the entire space on each side of the centre aisle of the Cathedral which measures one-tenth of a mile from the main entrance to the altar—a most impressive and inspiring sight.

We realise this was a most beautiful and inspiring service, with exquisite music. The following anthem, by Franck, was sung:—

"O Lord, most holy, O Lord, most mighty, O loving Father, Thee would we be praising always. Help us to know Thee and love Thee; Father, grant us Thy truth and grace, Father, guide and defend us.

"Rule Thou our wilful hearts, keep Thou our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows, let us find our rest in Thee; and in temptation's hour, save through Thy mighty power, Thine aid, O send us; hear us in mercy. Show us Thy favour, so shall we live and sing praise to Thee."

The Prayer of the Guild of St. Barnabas.

"Almighty God, who calledst this holy Apostle Barnabas to follow the steps of Thy blessed Son in ministering to the sick and suffering; grant to us the same spirit of consolation, that by gentleness and love, in faithfulness and patience, we may serve Thy afflicted children. Support us in our work, endue us with wisdom and skill; give us sympathy for one another, deliver us in temptation, and at last bring us to Thy rest and peace; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen!"

The Bishop delivered the Address. Prayers and Blessing closed the Service.

LET US PRAY FOR ALL TO WHOM WE HAVE MINISTERED.

Remember them, O Lord, for good, and grant that they may ever remain in thy watchful care. To those whom Thou hast healed, give grateful hearts. To those who still are suffering give patience and relief. To those whom Thou hast been pleased to take out of this world in thy faith and fear grant eternal rest, and let light perpetual shine upon them. All these things we ask for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. - *Amen.*

OBITUARY.

Death . . . openeth the gate to good fame and extinguisheth envy.—BACON.

The death of Dame Alicia Frances Jane Lloyd Still on July 23rd was not unexpected, as, known to her friends, she had been seriously ill for some time; nevertheless, to hundreds of her colleagues the notification that life in this world had passed and they would see her no more was realised with grief. "Dame Alicia" had been for so many years the *doyenne* of nursing in England, and her long and valuable service to her profession was duly recognised. She was a Dame of the British Empire, a Member of the Royal Red Cross, and Lady of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, from 1896 to 1899, of which institution she became Matron and Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School in 1913. An influential position she held until 1937, when she retired. During her active professional life, Dame Alicia inaugurated a three-years' curriculum of training and certification at St. Thomas's, directed by its own executive officer, termed Sister Tutor.

In opposition to State Registration of Nurses, when the monumental struggle for legal status for trained nurses came into force through the passing by Parliament of the Nurses' Registration Act in 1919, Dame Alicia accepted nomination to the General Nursing Council for England and Wales set up in 1920 and was subsequently elected by Registered Nurses till her resignation from the Council in 1937.

When well established (founded in 1899) Dame Alicia became interested in the International Council of Nurses, and was elected its President at the Congress in Paris in 1933, and took an active part in the enthusiastic Congress of Nurses held in London in 1937, when the trained nurses from upwards of 30 countries met in amity, honourably recognised and entertained by Royalty at Buckingham Palace, and at the historic Guildhall by the Lord Mayor of London.

Veneration for Miss Florence Nightingale inspired practical action on the part of Dame Alicia, and she helped actively to compile the inspiring collection of mementoes associated with the forming of the Nightingale Training School, a collection which is an object of veneration to trained nurses the world over.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

A Memorial Service for Dame Alicia F. J. Lloyd Still was held on July 28th at St. Margaret's, Westminster. Canon A. C. Don officiated, assisted by the Rev. H. Hedley, rector of Lambeth and hospitaller to St. Thomas's Hospital. This service was very largely attended by eminent people associated with the deceased in her varied activities, and by doctors and nurses, including the Matron, the acting Assistant Matron, Sisters and Nursing Staff of St. Thomas's, past members of the staff and Nightingale Nurses, and by members of the numerous nursing organisations with which she was associated.

The Passion of Domicile.

We have happy memories of kind hospitality at Matron's House at St. Thomas's Hospital. We noted dissociation with her beloved charge was heartrending indeed. With the passion of domicile we have deep sympathy.

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