

HOMES OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

It is well that association with Miss Florence Nightingale should be kept as closely in touch with the present generation of nurses as possible, and the news that Mr. J. P. Mitchelhill, the owner of Lea Hurst, in Derbyshire, has presented it to trained nurses, presumably as a residence, arouses our sincere gratitude. Lea Hurst was in the past a charming private residence, the property of her father, situated in lovely surroundings, but second in the affections as a home in her family with the beautiful well-known Embley Park, Hampshire, so generously opened for inspection of nurses by the late owner, Mr. J. J. Crosfield. We are specially grateful to have been permitted, by its very gracious American owner of the villa, to visit the room in which Florence Nightingale was born in 1820, when on a visit to Florence in 1928.

To Mr. and Mrs. Crosfield we owe many happy visits to Embley Park, the gardens of which, so exquisitely developed, were a lesson in horticulture—in the culture of trees, shrubs, flowers and fruit.

The true home of Florence Nightingale was her residence at 10, South Street, Park Lane, London, where she worked; there her stupendous brain inspired the energy which moved mountains, and which proclaims her the finest statesman of her time.



LEA HURST, DERBYSHIRE.



When 10, South Street, was demolished a few years ago the British College of Nurses requisitioned fifty bricks, many of which have been presented to leading Nurse Training Schools at home and abroad and given places of honour duly inscribed.

The door of her sitting-room through which she passed daily is carefully preserved at the College, at 19, Queen's Gate, S.W.7. When we proposed at the I.C.N. Banquet at Cologne in 1912, that an international memorial to Miss Nightingale should be organised, a suggestion which materialised in Paris in 1933, and which, after much good work in London, met bomb disaster during this destructive war, it is well to note that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation is still actively alive and that the Fifth Ordinary Meeting of the Grand Council will be held on September 11th, 12th and 13th, of this year.

The lower picture presents a letter heading of Miss Nightingale at Lea Hurst and her signature, now in the possession of the British College of Nurses, Ltd.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL NURSING UNIVERSITY.

We have dreamed of Embley Park developed as the Florence Nightingale University of Nursing, to which Registered Nurses from all over the world could come for a degree.

Such dreams sometimes come true.

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