

Nurses of
many nations
study together
in England



In the Library



A Student's Bedroom

Nurses residing at Florence Nightingale House take advanced post-graduate courses, including Health Visitors', Nurse Administrators', Nurse Teachers' and Industrial Nurses' courses at the Royal College of Nursing and other teaching centres.

Advanced work for nurses was an important aspect of Miss Nightingale's nursing policy. She wished her nurses to be what she called missionaries of health, to train others, to raise the standard of health wherever they went. She spoke and wrote repeatedly of the importance of keeping up the quality of nursing, of widening its scope and bringing in new ideas.



Four Students
from England,
Greece, Norway
and India

All over the world there are nurses who look back with pleasure to the happy days they spent at Florence Nightingale House, the work the students did together, the friends they made there, the social life they enjoyed.

Florence Nightingale House has already done much valuable work and is still doing it even under the strain of present financial conditions. But in order to continue in the future it is vitally necessary that adequate funds are available. Many students of high quality and intelligence come to us on special scholarship grants which do not cover present-day costs.

International post-graduate courses in London began in 1920, and in 1934 the Florence Nightingale Foundation was founded to carry on this work as a Memorial to Florence Nightingale.

“International” students, now proudly known as “Old Internationals”, lived and worked together at 15 Manchester Square, which was bombed in the blitz and completely destroyed.

National Committees were formed in many countries to raise funds for the award of scholarships to nurses. In Great Britain the Committee is also responsible for the maintenance of Florence Nightingale House.

National Committees contribute as and when they can to the Florence Nightingale International Foundation which is now concerned with nursing education at international level.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee raised several thousand pounds for the award of scholarships from 1932-1939. During the war the Committee was in abeyance but it has since been reconstituted and has recently been granted incorporation.

Florence Nightingale House was acquired and equipped in 1948 for the benefit of nurses by the generosity of the Joint Committee of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross Society, and has been entrusted to the National Memorial Committee for maintenance and administration. In addition a grant was made by the Joint Committee, to secure the maintenance of the house until funds could be raised independently for this purpose.

Florence Nightingale House has already proved its worth. Nurses from different countries, while studying, live in secure, friendly surroundings in a house which provides, at less than cost, comfort and companionship which the nurse could not otherwise afford. It plays an important part in developing and raising the standard of nursing; it brings the best nurses from all over the world together in friendship.

The work has proved of great importance and is immensely appreciated. An urgent need has been met. But the question now is, can the work continue?

Without your help this is impossible.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain and Northern Ireland appeals to all who regard the name of Florence Nightingale with admiration and love to send a contribution to endow this important work and make it secure as a tribute to her name. The appeal is to everyone who reveres the memory of Florence Nightingale—everyone who has experienced the kindness of a nurse—everyone who wishes to express thanks to the nursing profession in a real and helpful way.

The Lamp still burns



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