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DAME ALICIA STILL

40 YEARS OF HOSPITAL SERVICE

When Dame Alicia Lloyd Still left St. Thomas's Hospital yesterday after over 40 years' service, including 24 years as Matron and Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School, she left behind her the record of a great work done for the hospital, for its nurses, and for the nursing profession.

In the Nightingale School, steeped in the traditions of Florence Nightingale, Alicia Still took her training, and rose from probationer to nurse, from nurse to sister. In 1913 she was appointed Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital and Superintendent of the Nightingale School. She was in charge of the hospital through the War, as matron of both the military and the civilian sides.

Dame Alicia Still has served the nursing profession as President and Chairman of the Association of Hospital Matrons from its inception; on the General Nursing Council; and on the Council of the College of Nursing. She was one of the first members of the Advisory Committee of the University of London on the Diploma in Nursing granted by that university, and an examiner for the University in hospital administration. Finally, after four years as President of the International Council of Nurses, she presided over the International Congress of Nurses in London in July, 1937. President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation since 1934, she has been re-elected for a further period of two years.

The award of the Royal Red Cross, the Florence Nightingale International Medal, and the Médaille d'Honneur de l'Assistance Publique (by the French Minister of Health), her appointment as Commander of the British Empire, and her promotion in 1934 to the rank of Dame Commander—these have been some of the acknowledgments of her public work and of her untiring efforts for her profession.

The hospital has honoured its retiring matron by inviting her to become one of its governors, and she will remain on the Committee of the Nightingale Fund Council.