

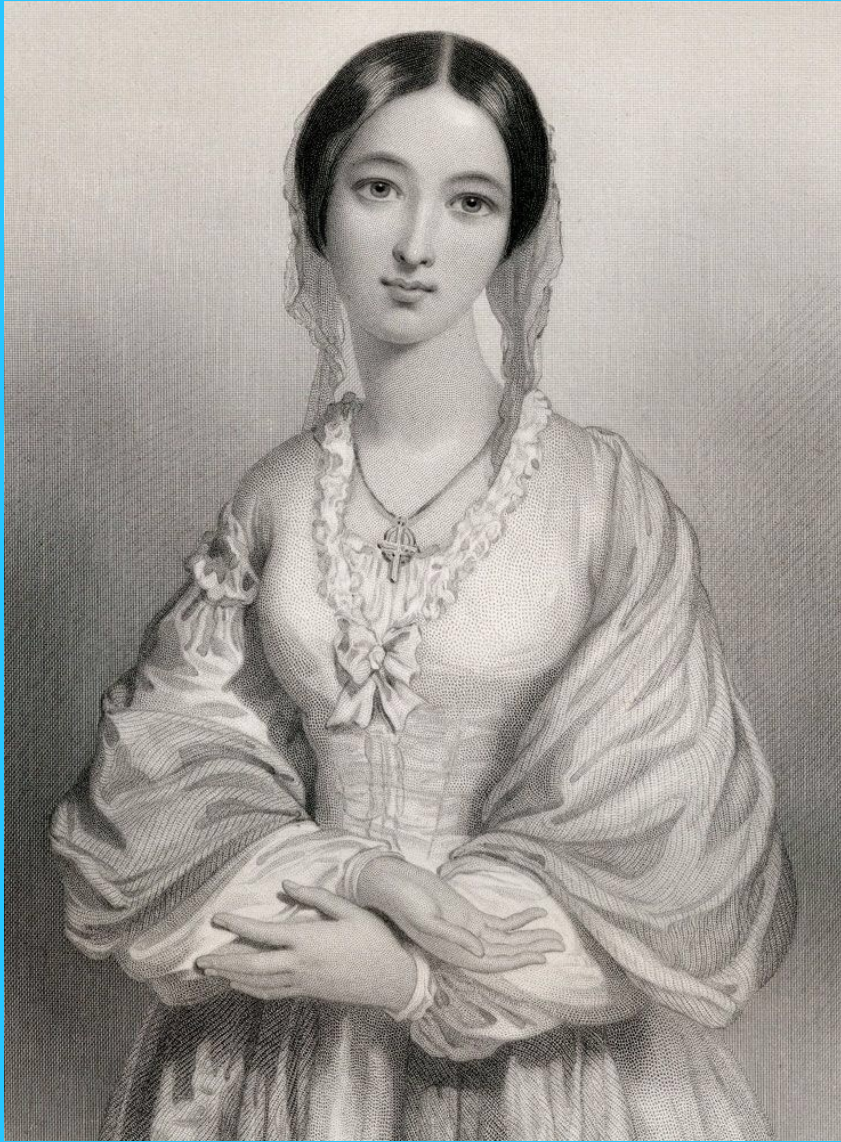
The Lady with  
the Lamp by  
Corey and  
Grace



*1820 - 1910*

*The very first  
requirement in a  
hospital is that it  
should do the sick no  
harm.*

# Early life



She was born in 1820 in Florence, Italy. She was named after the place where she was born. She had an older sister called Parthenope who was born in Athens in Greece.

# Growing Up

She wanted to be a nurse so she could help people who didn't feel very well. She trained to be a nurse in 1845 in Germany. In 1853, Florence heard about the Crimean War in Scutari and this made her very sad. Soldiers were living in horrible conditions and for no reason. She put together a team of nurses and set off to go and help the soldiers who were injured in the war.



# Nursing Career



In 1845, Florence went to Germany and it took her 3 months to learn to be a nurse. When she had finished learning how to be a nurse, Florence wanted to help make the hospitals better.

Suddenly she heard about the Crimean War and that lots of soldiers were dying from the war and she wanted to change this.

She put a team of nurses together and set off for Scutari.

# The Hospital in Scutari

The hospital was very dirty and the soldiers were dying because it was so dirty. Florence came along with her nurses and they made the hospital a nicer place to be. They gave each soldier a bed to sleep in, healthy food to eat and clean water to drink. They scrubbed the floors clean and got rid of all the rats. They made sure each soldier had clean clothes, blankets and bandages.

Florence was called Lady of the Lamp by the soldiers because she checked on them in the middle of the night with a lamp.



ONE OF THE YARDS OF THE HOSPITAL AT SCUTARI.

# Florence's Later Life



In 1883 Florence was given the Royal Red Cross and then in 1907 the Order of Merit for being such a brilliant nurse. She wrote books about how to be a nurse that some people still use today. She died in London in 1910 when she was 90 years old.

Every year on her birthday 12th May, people celebrate International Nurses Day in her honour.