

MOTTOES.

Love never faileth.

Fortis in arduis

Norland's Founder, Emily Ward

Evacuation

The Norland Institute, opened in 1892, was the first ever establishment to train young ladies in the care of infants and was founded by Emily Ward (centre). The Norland Quarterlies open with **Emily's letters** and chart the lives and experiences of Norland Nurses throughout the war. Tales recounted included stories of **Evacuation**, the **War Work** undertaken and Norlandly advice on the **Support of Children**.

"Each [nurse] must think for herself what she can do and do it!, in other words *Be strong*, for strength in the household makes for strength in the nation"

"teach the little children to avoid all that begets jealousy and hatred"

"provide for each generation the nurse that will be required to bring up a race of heroes in the strife between good and evil; a race of citizens alive to responsibilities and Duty"

"be strong and unselfish dear friends!"

At the outbreak of war, Norlanders wrote to describe the physical challenge of evacuating Germany, the rapidly changing landscape of Europe and the will of the people on both sides to help those in desperation during the forced mobilisation.

Norlander Kate Frances Fox was working with a family in Baden-Baden until 15th August 1914 when she made the treacherous journey to Wesel and on to Flushing;



"My employer came to me saying she had permission for us to leave the next day, but we were running a fearful risk, as we might be shot as spies...hatred displayed towards English people was very great; we were not to speak a word, as we were in the greatest danger"

We had one very alarming experience en route, when an attempt to blow up the train as it was passing over the Rhine Bridge outside Wesel was discovered just in time to prevent it."

(Nurse Grace Welch, travelling from Hamburg to Flushing)

"We risked stray shots and sat on the balcony to see life..."

(Nurse Maud Seppings behind German lines)

War Work

Norlanders contributed to the war effort by volunteering for the Red Cross, Friends' War Victims Relief Committee and in hospitals across Britain. They provided the Quarterly with first hand accounts of life working in hospitals.

"Some of them are still suffering from shock and several have bad nightmares, thinking they are back in the trenches again. They call out in the night, warning us to be careful of the shells, which they imagine are bursting all round us. One poor man even sings, "It's a long way to Tipperary" in his sleep."

(Nurse Dorothy Latimer)

"Imagine beautiful moorland...interspersed with dense beech and pine forests and traversed by magnificent avenues of beech trees extending eight or ten miles. On to this beautiful moor have been dumped 5,000 homeless human beings." "As one passes from cabin to cabin and hears this tale of woe and sees that brave women aged twenty-three, having gone through what we shall never suffer in a life-time; as one hears of the mothers who have given so willingly of their flesh, and sees how one poor person

helps another with his last sou, - one pauses astounded to think how one dares to think one has anything to give such people"

(Nurse Margaret H. Evans)



Norland Nurses, 1918

Support of Children

For many Norlanders, the war emphasised their responsibility towards the next generation.

"We are fighting not so much to defeat Germany as the hopelessly wrong philosophy of life which has led her to war."

(Nurse H.M. Hiley)

I appeal to all Norlanders to prevent, as far as possible, our little charges from growing up with any idea of revenge"...surely the best return we can make our gallant men is to see that their children's children do not suffer in the same way"

(Nurse Cicely Colls)

***"An Immense responsibility rests upon those women who now have in their hands the power of developing and strengthening the characters of the next generation...
...inspiring noble aims and high ideals in the future citizens of the world.***

This, as Norland Nurses and educated women, is surely our war-work."

(Principle Jesse Dawber,)

Many values and practices depicted in this poster are still evident among contemporary groups of Norlanders. The motto 'Love never faileth' is still Norland's mantra and it resonates among the students and graduates of this long standing institution. Just as the Nurses who wrote letters to the Norland Quarterlies during World War I, Norlanders today endeavour to nurture children, keep them safe from harm and help to understand the world around them.

Quotations have been taken from Norland Quarterlies, stored as part of the Norland archives. Copies are available by appointment only.

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