

The central library is located in Jerusalem, conveniently near the Medical School, and maintains 21 branches in various parts of the country, the latest of which is that of Eilath.

The holdings of the central library are of circa 10,000 books and 30,000 bound volumes of periodicals, arranged according to subject on open shelves in the stacks adjacent to the reading room. The library receives about 1,400 current periodicals in various languages, arranged by subject in the reading room.

The library is widely used by faculty, students, physicians and laymen, from Jerusalem and from out-of-town. It stays open 12 hours a day, and the reading room, with a seating capacity of 60, is daily visited by some 120 readers.

The library has lending facilities, which extend also to out-of-town readers. Interlibrary loan is practised with other Israel libraries and with libraries abroad.

There is a sizeable collection of microfilms, produced by the Jewish National and University Library or ordered abroad. Reading machines are available, both for microfilms and microcards.

All the material is processed at the Jewish National and University Library and sent on to the medical library with all the necessary cards.

The library maintains connections with the National Library of Medicine in Washington, with the New York Academy of Medicine Library and with other medical libraries and associations abroad.

Apart from the medical library, the Jewish National and University Library has a very valuable collection, the "Harry Friedenwald Collection of Medicine," in particular on Jews in medicine. It contains a large number of manuscripts and incunabula as well as all the basic works necessary for research in the history of Jewish medicine.

Yours most sincerely,
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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Dear Editor:

I would like to bring to the attention of all readers interested in the history of medicine, nursing, and Florence Nightingale especially, a remarkably competent and critical review entitled, "Biography and the 'Amateur' Historian: Mrs. Woodham-Smith's *Florence Nightingale*," by W. H. Greenleaf of the University of Hull. It appears in the serial publication *Victorian Studies*, vol. 3, no. 2, December 1959, pp. 190-202.

In view of the numerous faults, fully documented and commented upon, Mr. Greenleaf's study of what has become a standard Nightingale biography

deserves careful study and understanding by medical librarians and historians everywhere. I would think that if your page budget allowed it would certainly be worth reprinting. Perhaps some kind of reprint might be made available through cooperation with the Editor of *Victorian Studies*, Mr. Philip Appleman of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Sincerely,

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