

The no-nonsense Nightingale quickly set to work. She procured hundreds of scrub brushes and asked the least infirm patients to scrub the inside of the hospital from floor to ceiling. Nightingale herself spent every waking minute caring for the soldiers. In the evenings she moved through the dark hallways carrying a lamp while making her rounds, ministering to patient after patient. The soldiers, who were both moved and comforted by her endless supply of compassion, took to calling her "the Lady with the Lamp." Others simply called her "the Angel of the Crimea." Her work reduced the hospital's death rate by two-thirds.

南丁格爾兢兢業業，馬上開始工作。她想辦法拿到幾百支清潔用的刷子，叫那些最輕微的傷患把醫院裏面從地板到天花板都清潔了。南丁格爾自己則馬不停蹄地照顧士兵。晚間，她提一盞燈走在漆黑的走廊看視病患，一一照顧他們。士兵們由於被她無比的愛心感動和安慰，開始稱她“提燈女士”。其他人乾脆稱她“克里米亞天使”。由於她的努力，醫院的死亡率整整降低了三分之二。

