Record Nr. UNINA9910820984903321 Florence Nightingale on women, medicine, midwifery and prostitution / **Titolo** / Lynn McDonald, editor Pubbl/distr/stampa Waterloo, ON,: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, c2005 **ISBN** 1-280-28081-6 9786610280810 0-88920-916-2 1-4237-2478-X Edizione [1st ed.] Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (1110 p.) Collected Works of Florence Nightingale;; Vol. 8 Collana Altri autori (Persone) McDonaldLynn <1940-> Disciplina 610.73 610.73092 Women - Great Britain - Social conditions Soggetti Women's health services - Great Britain Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Midwifery -- Prostitution, the contagious diseases acts and the treatment of syphilitic prostitutes -- Women friends, relatives, colleagues and acquaintances. Sommario/riassunto Volume 8: Florence Nightingale on Women, Medicine, Midwifery and Prostitution makes available a great range of Florence Nightingale's work on women: her pioneering study of maternal mortality in childbirth ('Introductory Notes on Lying-in Institutions'), her opposition to the regulation of prostitution through the Contagious Diseases Acts (attempts to stop the legislation and otherwise to facilitate the voluntary treatment of syphilitic prostitutes), her views on gender roles, marriage and measures for income security for women and excerpts from her draft (abandoned) novel. There is correspondence with women friends and colleagues from childhood to old age, on a vast range of subjects. Correspondents include old family friends, royal and notable personages, nuns and colleagues in various causes. Most of this material has not been published before and some letters wil be new even to Nightingale scholars. Altogether a very different view of

Nightingale emerges from what normally appears in biographies and

other secondary sources. This material will enable a new assessment of her feminism, her relations with women and her contribution to improving the status of women of her time.