

HOMAGE TO THE ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

Although Miss Nightingale passed to her rest at 2 o'clock on Saturday, at her home, 10, South Street, Park Lane, W., the announcement of her death in the morning papers of Monday was the first general intimation of the national loss. In her last hours she was attended by Sir Thomas Barlow; and two nurses from the Nursing Sisters' Institution, Devonshire Square, E.C., founded by Mrs. Elizabeth Fry in 1840, had the honour of nursing her at the last.

THE KING'S MESSAGE.

The King and Queen at once expressed their sympathy with the relatives of Miss Nightingale, who received the following telegram from his Majesty:—

The Queen and I have received with deep regret the sad news of the death of Miss Florence Nightingale, whose untiring and devoted services to the British soldiers in the Crimea will never be forgotten, and to whose striking example we practically owe our present splendid organisation of trained nurses. Please accept the expression of our sincere sympathy.

GEORGE, R. & I.

THE SYMPATHY OF THE QUEEN MOTHER.

We understand that Queen Alexandra is to be represented at the funeral service, and is sending a wreath.

THE LAST RESTING PLACE.

There was a strong feeling that the highest honour bestowed by this country on its illustrious dead should be shown to Miss Nightingale, and the Dean of Westminster has voiced that wish by expressing to her relatives his desire that the burial should be in Westminster Abbey. It was fitting that this offer should be made, but Miss Nightingale expressly directed in her will that her funeral should be of the quietest possible character, and it was, therefore, inevitable that her executors should feel bound to decline the honour. In death as in life her will is law. It has, therefore, been decided that she shall be laid to rest at West Wellow, Hampshire, where the bodies of her father and mother lie, and where the funeral will take place on Saturday next, August 20th. A Memorial Service will be held in St. Paul's

Cathedral on that day at 12 o'clock, conducted by Canon Newbolt, Canon Alexander, and other dignitaries of the Cathedral. The War Office is undertaking the arrangements. Admission will be by ticket, for which application should be made in writing to the Secretary, War Office (Memorial Service), Room 109, War Office, Whitehall. A limited number of tickets will be issued for the choir and choir gallery, for which application should be made to the Secretary at the Chapter House.

Under the auspices of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses a Requiem will also be sung at St. Alban's, Holborn, on Thursday, August 25th, at 10 a.m.

SOME FLORAL TRIBUTES.

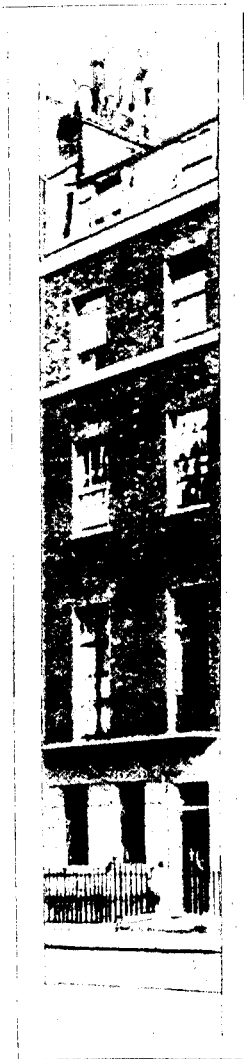
The International Council of Nurses, including the National Councils of Great Britain and Ireland, Germany, the United States, Holland, Finland, Denmark, and Canada are sending a chaplet of roses—favourite flowers of Miss Nightingale's—on a laurel leaf foundation, the roses selected being the deep crimson Richmond rose, the Kaiserin Augusta, creamy in tint, and the pink Mme. Abel Chatency.

The members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, and the Territorial Force Nursing Service are also sending flowers.

We are asked in connection with the wreath of the latter Service to say that subscriptions of 6d. are invited, and can be sent to the Matron-in-Chief, T.F.N.S., 31a, Mortimer Street, London, W. Any surplus will be given to the King Edward VII. annuity for a disabled trained nurse belonging to the Territorial Force.

The Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital and the Nursing Staff are sending a cross having a white foundation decorated with choice white flowers and mauve carnations, and the Home Sister of the Nightingale Home and the Nightingale probationers a white wreath with a fringe

of mauve stacie decorated with choice flowers. The Matron of King's College Hospital and the Nursing Staff have selected a large standing cross composed of stephanotis and Madonna and other lilies, with a wreath of lilies of the valley on the arms. Many beautiful wreaths have already been sent.



No. 10, South Street, Park Lane, W., where Miss Nightingale died.

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