

tic staff of the Hospital for Invalid Gentlewomen, 19, Lisson Grove. Miss Nightingale was head of this institution when it was in Harley Street, before she went to the Crimea.

A large cross from the Nurses and Council of St. John's House: "In gratitude for her life and services and for her kindness to the nurses of St. John's House who worked under her at Scutari."

A beautiful standing cross in white flowers: "With grateful appreciation for a noble example. From the Matrons and Nursing Staffs of the Hospitals: St. Bartholomew's, Charing Cross, Guy's, St. George's, King's College, the London, St. Mary's, Middlesex, Royal Free, University, Westminster."

A chaplet of laurel and roses from 'The International Council of Nurses, in the name of 25,000 members of the affiliated National Councils of Nurses in Great Britain and Ireland, Canada, the United States of America, Germany, Denmark, Holland, and Finland. With homage to the honoured memory of the Foundress of Modern Trained Nursing. (Hon. President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick; President, Sister Agnes Karll, who is also the President of the German Nurses' Association)."

A chaplet of laurel and roses from the American Federation of Nurses.

A large wreath, with "The homage of the Red Cross Society."

From Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nurses: "In reverence and gratitude."

From the Mistress and Staff of Girton College.

From the Master and Brethren of the Florence Nightingale Lodge, No. 706, of the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons.

A wreath, "In loving memory," from Temperance Grillage (an old servant, wife of Peter Grillage, whom Miss Nightingale brought back as a little friendless boy from the Crimea and took into her service).

A cross and chaplet of laurel and roses from the London Hospital: "With deep veneration and affectionate gratitude."

Wreaths were also sent by the Tasmanian Nurses' Association, the Scottish Matrons' Council, the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, the Metropolitan Nursing Association, the officers and members of the Midwives' Institute and Trained Nurses' Club, the Institution of Nursing Sisters, Devonshire Square, the Lady Superintendents, Matrons, and Nurses of Liverpool Queen Victoria Nursing Association, and many others.

Those who make a pilgrimage to East Wellow can travel by the L.S.W.R. from Waterloo

to Romsey (about 4 miles distant) in a little under three hours. It is also easily accessible from Salisbury and Southampton. As they will wish to know where to stay, we may say that they will find comfortable quarters at the White Horse Hotel, in Romsey, a few minutes walk from the glorious Abbey.

Romsey, besides claiming the honour of being the home of Florence Nightingale, is the birthplace of the great Lord Palmerston, whose ancestral estate (Broadlands) adjoins the town, and also Embley Park. Lord Palmerston and his wife are both buried in Westminster Abbey, so the little town of Romsey, of some 4,000 inhabitants, had already sent forth into the world one found worthy of the greatest distinction which can be conferred on the nation's dead—sempiternity in Westminster Abbey—before that honour was offered to and refused by the Executors of Miss Nightingale on her behalf.

Of Romsey and its wonderful old Abbey, dating back 1,000 years, its lovely river, the Test, famed for its salmon and trout fishing, and of the beautiful country surrounding the town there is not space to speak now, but those who wish to pay a visit to Wellow could not do better than make Romsey their headquarters for as long as possible. They will find much to interest and please them.

Messages of sympathy have been received from the Government of Turkey through the Foreign Office; from the Japanese Army Medical Corps; from the Red Cross Society of Japan; and from the Grand Duchess Louise of Baden.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. President of the International Council of Nurses, has received the following cable from Baroness Mannerheim, President of the National Council of Nurses in Finland, and Matron of the Surgical Hospital, Helsingfors: "Please accept expressions of deep sympathy in immense loss which not England only, but the whole nursing world has suffered by death of Miss Nightingale.—Association of Nurses, Finland. Mannerheim, President."

#### COMMENTS IN THE MEDICAL JOURNALS.

##### THE BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

The *British Medical Journal* says:—

"Miss Nightingale's work is frequently described as if she had done it single-handed, but she, of course, received splendid assistance from her nurses and would have been the last to deny them their share of honour. It is to her, however, that all credit is naturally given, since hers was the task of inspiration, organisation and administration, and of finding a way round

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