

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

AT MISS NIGHTINGALE'S GRAVE.

It is now twenty years since Miss Florence Nightingale passed from this earth, but the tomb in the little churchyard at Wellow, near Romsey in Hampshire, where, with other members of her family, she is laid to rest, is increasingly visited by members of the Nursing Profession, as well as by others who wish to pay homage to her commanding genius.

Such a visit was appropriately paid on August 13th last, the anniversary of her death, when Miss Clara Jones, R.N., representing the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables, Los Angeles, U.S.A., in the presence of an interested group of visitors from London, Mrs. Plant, wife of the Vicar, and residents in Wellow, villagers and school children, placed a wreath on the side of the tomb bearing simply the letters F.N.

The wreath was made of California magnolia leaves, which had been chemically treated so that they formed a black background for the fifty-five silver leaves representing forty-eight American States and seven extra-continental possessions. It was tied with a rich purple ribbon, the streamers of which bore the following inscription in letters of gold:

"In loving memory of a noble woman, from the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables of the United States of America."

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"A noble type of good heroic womanhood."—
Longfellow.

The Rev. L. Corban, Vicar of Romsey, in the absence of the Vicar of Wellow, spoke briefly of the great work of Miss Nightingale in driving away amateurish nursing and

insisting on skilled nursing for the sick, and said that the people of Wellow were honoured that the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables should, in the person of Miss Clara Jones, desire to commemorate her great work for humanity on the twentieth anniversary of her death.

Miss Clara Jones, who was wearing a simple white silk uniform, then said that it was with a feeling of exultation which it was impossible to describe that she represented at

this ceremony the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables of Los Angeles, which had sent her to place their wreath on the tomb of the Founder of Modern Nursing, on the anniversary of her death.

Miss Jones then read the following framed Address, which accompanied the wreath:—

"TO ALL PERSONS
WHO HONOUR THE
MEMORY OF FLORENCE
NIGHTINGALE.

"This wreath was sent to England by the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables of the United States of America, and on the twentieth anniversary of Miss Nightingale's death was laid on her grave by Miss Clara Jones, a Registered Nurse, who was selected for this loving duty by Mrs. Horatio Walker, Jr., a Fellow of the Institute, and Superintendent of the Hospital of the Good Samaritan, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

"The wreath is composed of California magnolia interspersed with fifty-five silvered leaves. The silvered leaves represent the forty-eight States of the Union and seven extra-continental possessions.

"They were inserted in the wreath by the Governors of the States and possessions to testify the love and reverence in which Miss Nightingale's memory is held

by the people of the United States. The red rose represents the Capital of the Nation, the District of Columbia, which is governed by the President and Congress of the United States. The white rose is the contribution of the Nurses of America.

"The Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables of the United States of America was founded in Los Angeles on Miss Nightingale's one hundred and eighth birthday



The Wreath placed on the grave of Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M., by the Florence Nightingale Institute of Honorables, August 13th, 1930.

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