

Queen Alexandra's Message to the Nation

Buckingham Palace,
10th May, 1910.

"From the depth of my poor broken heart I wish to express to the whole nation, and our kind people we love so well, my deep-felt thanks for all their touching sympathy in my overwhelming sorrow and unspeakable anguish. Not alone have I lost everything in him, my beloved husband, but the nation, too, has suffered an irreparable loss by their best friend, father, and Sovereign thus suddenly called away.

"May God give us all His Divine help to bear this heaviest of crosses which He has seen fit to lay upon us—'His will be done.' Give me a thought in your prayers, which

will comfort and sustain me in all I still have to go through.

"Let me take this opportunity of expressing my heartfelt thanks for all the touching letters and tokens of sympathy I have received from all classes, high and low, rich and poor, which are so numerous that I fear it will be impossible for me ever to thank everybody individually.

"I confide my dear son into your care, who I know will follow in his dear father's footsteps. Begging you to show him the same loyalty and devotion you showed his dear father. I know that both my dear son and daughter-in-law will do their utmost to merit and keep it. ALEXANDRA."

King George and Miss Nightingale

On Thursday last week King George telegraphed to Miss Florence Nightingale, O.M., 10 South Street, Park Lane: "On the occasion of your 90th birthday, I offer you heartfelt congratulations, and trust that you are in good health" (Signed) George R. and T."

In reply, a telegram was despatched on behalf of Miss Nightingale, expressing re-

spectful thanks to His Majesty for his gracious congratulations. That the King, in the midst of his own trouble and responsibilities, should have remembered that 12th May is Miss Nightingale's birthday, and sent her a message, shows his thoughtfulness, and his keenness to do honour to the pioneer of trained nurses, and the greatest of nurses.—From "The Nursing Times," 21st May, 1910.

"The late King had no more devoted subjects than the trained nurses of the Kingdom, and many hundreds took their places in the crowd to give expression, for the last time, to their loyalty to the dead Sovereign; and many also visited Westminster Hall during the Lying-in-State, when special facilities were given them to obtain access to the Hall by way of Palace Yard. This thoughtfulness for a busy section of workers, was greatly appreciated by the trained nurses, and numbers availed themselves of the privilege thus extended. Amongst the thousands of wreaths sent to Windsor, many beautiful ones were sent by

hospital nurses and nursing associations, and it will be gratifying to them to know that the names of the senders will be copied, and bound up into a special volume, and the thanks of the Queen Mother will be extended to all.—British Journal of Nursing."

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"St. George's Chapel, Windsor, where King Edward VII was laid to rest, is intimately connected with the history of the dead King; for to this Chapel he was carried for his baptism, and at its altar rails he awaited his bride."—"British Journal of Nursing."