her enormous responsibilities as Matron of one of the greatest of the London nospitals.

"To other Matrons she set an example of high ideals. Her unswerving loyalty to the interests of her profession, her comprehensive grasp of everything relating to it, and continual staunch support of matters tending to elevate and ennoble it, should prove a brilliant example not only to Matrons and nurses of her own day and generation, but to those who come long ages after her."

The resolution was then passed by the meet-

ing amid an impressive silence.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE INTER-NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—In the midst of the Annual Conference of the German National Council of Women I received the sad news of our deep loss.

Will you convey my heartfelt sympathy, and that of the International Council of Nurses, and the German Nurses' Association, to the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, and especially to the Matrons' Council, the State Registration Society, and the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

I am sure we shall never forget what dear Miss Stewart has been to us all, and how much the nurses of all countries owe her for her fine and courageous

work for our interests.

We all know, too, what a staunch friend and supporter she has been to you in all your work, and you most of all need our sympathy in the loss of one of your truest colleagues.

Sincerely yours,

AGNES KARLL,
President, International Council of Nurses
and German Nurses' Association.

Sympathy of the Director General of the Assistance Publique, Paris.

In addition to deputing Mme. Jacques to represent the Nursing School of the Assistance Publique at the memorial service to Miss Isla Stewart, Monsieur G. Mesureur, its distinguished Director General, who has given practical proof of his appreciation of Miss Stewart's personality and work by entrusting to her care pupils of the School for further experience in an English hospital, has written a most charming letter of sympathy to Miss Cutler, Deputy Matron at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

When the Committee of St. Bartholomew's Hospital met on the morning of Thursday, March 10th, the sad tidings were received that the funeral of the Matron, who on the previous Thursday had presented her report as usual, would take place that day. The Committee at once adjourned, the only business transacted being the appointment of Miss Cutler, the Assistant Matron, as Deputy Matron for a period of three months.

The Queen Honours Territorial Murses.



On Saturday afternoon, at Buckingham Palace, the Queen as President of the Territorial Force Nursing Service, presented Badges to Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses of the Hospitals of the Service in the City and County of London. Out of a possible 480 nurses 382 were present. On arrival at the Palace they were conducted by the Royal servants up the Grand Staircase to the State Apartments, and assembled in the Picture Gallery, where they were marshalled by the Principal Matrons, Miss Marcon, Matron of No. 1 Hospital, which by the death of Miss

Isla Stewart is bereft of its Principal Matron,

organising the nurses of that hospital. The Queen presented the Badges in the Throne Room, standing just in front of the 'inrone. In attendance upon her Majesty were the Court officials, and there were present the Duchess of Montrose, Vice-President, Miss E. S. Haldane, Vice-Chairman, and most of the members of the Advisory Council of the Service, members of the London Committee of the T.F.N.S. of the City and County of London, and the members of the Executive Committee, who had the honour of being invited; also Sir William Mackinnon, Director-General of the Territorial Force, and Surgeon-General Gubbins, Director-General of the Army Medical Service. Amongst those who were unavoidably prevented from obeying her Majesty's command was Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

The silver Badges, with their scarlet and white ribbon had previously been arranged on cushions by the Ladies in Waiting, the Right Hon. R. B. Haldane, Secretary of State for War, held each cushion as her Majesty took the Badges, and Surgeon-General Keogh read out the names of the recipients. Miss Sidney Browne, as Matron-in-Chief of the Service, was the first to receive her Badge, and then, in

quick succession, came the nursing staffs of the four hospitals, No. 1 first, led by Miss Marcon, and the others by Miss Ray (King's College Hospital), Miss Davies (St. Mary's Hospital), and Miss Barton (Chelsea Infirmary),

Principal Matrons.

When they had received the Badges, the

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