On the card attached to the wreath Her Majesty had written:—

In loving memory of all our beloved, brave, and valiant nurses who gave their lives for our beloved country.—From ALEXANDRA.

THE DEDICATION.

The Dedication by Bishop Taylor Smith, C.B., C.V.O., D.D., Chaplain General to the Forces, followed:—

To the Glory of God, and in sacred memory of those who gave their lives for King and Country and a righteous cause, we dedicate this memorial. May all who look upon it realize the peace of sins forgiven, the joy of faithful service, and the power of the endless Life, to which may God vouchsafe to bring us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

The Last Post and the Reveillé were then sounded, and after the hymn, "How bright these glorious spirits shine," had been sung, the Chaplain-General gave a short address, in the course of which he said that those whom they were now commemorating had known the joy of faithful service, and they represented what many more had done in that dreary and awful Calvary of the war. The names recorded would ever be dear to the Empire.

Her Majesty also unveiled a separate memorial to Miss Beatrice Isabel Jones, R.R.C., First Matron appointed to the hospital, and another, to members of the Military Nursing Service Reserve and one V.A.D. accidentally drowned at Basra on January 15th, 1918, while serving with the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force.

The last hymn was that beginning:—

O valiant Hearts who to your glory came Through dust of conflict, and through battle-flame.

The very beautiful and dignified Service came to a close with the National Anthem.

The Congregation then dispersed, to meet again in the Sisters' Quarters, where tea was served.

LONDON'S NEW MUNICIPAL PALACE.

The King, accompanied by the Queen, opened the London County Council's magnificent new Hall, on Monday last. In reply to the Council's Address, His Majesty said the whole building should stimulate the development of the sense of citizenship.

The School Nurses, of whom there are 300 on the Council's staff, and whose work is of vital importance to the community, were inspected by the King as he passed out through the members' entrance court.

ST. 'THERESA'S BOOK MARK.

Let nothing disturb thee, Nothing affright thee; All things are passing, God never changeth. Patient endurance Attaineth to all things. Who God possesseth, In nothing is wanting. Alone God sufficeth.

THE NURSING EXHIBIT AT OLYMPIA.

The Daily Express is greatly to be congratulated on the Women's Exhibition now being held at Olympia until the 29th of this month, for it is exceedingly well arranged and attractive, and makes an appeal to all—the serious and the frivolous, the bees and the drones.

The Flower Court is a thing of beauty—a fragrant and restful place—and its attractions include mannequin displays by twelve of the great creative dress houses, and the march of the mannequins to the setting of music has evidently a great fascination for visitors to the Exhibition. There are cooking demonstrations, lectures, and competitions, conferences and lectures; a section devoted to supplying information as to the vocational training of girls; and a pageant of one thousand years of dress arranged on behalf of the Royal Free Hospital.

The evolution of the woman doctor is shown in an interesting and scientific exhibit arranged by Dr. May Thorne, showing how the education of medical students is carried on stage by stage at the London School of Medicine for Women.

Nurses will, of course, find their way to the exhibit arranged by the College of Nursing, Ltd., and the Association of Hospital Matrons, which is designed to show the public something of the life and duties of nurses, both during their training and after they are certificated.

It was our good fortune to be conducted through this exhibit by a courteous Sister in immaculate uniform, wearing the badge of the Royal Free Hospital Nurses' League. Courtesy and charm of manner go far towards making the success of any undertaking, and are "the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace." The per contra is also true.

The exhibit is divided into seven sections:(1)
The theoretical side of a nurse's training; (2) the
general ward section; (3) the children's ward;
(4) nurses' training in special departments; (5)
some professional careers open to certificated
nurses; (6) museum and objects of nursing
interest; (7) a nurse's life when off duty.

The hospital furniture and appliances in the exhibit are supplied largely by the Medical Supply Association, 167-185, Grays Inn Road, and it goes without saying therefore that they are of the We noticed a rest for the support and relief of a heart case which should be known both in hospitals and to private nurses. The method of caring for an infectious case is demonstrated, and there is a small section showing a room in a working-class house under the care of a district nurse. Dolls in the uniforms of the various nursing services and hospitals are always attractive; and interest centres also round the museum, where are to be seen the dress worn by Florence Nightingale in the Crimea and the despatch case she used at the application form of Edith Cavell on entering the service of the Metropolitan Asylums Board; and various medals awarded to nurses.

A bed and sitting-room in a nurses' home show that the life of the modern nurse in this respect has fallen in pleasant places. previous page next page