It seems but yesterday that we were all together at Laeken, roses, roses everywhere, the gracious Queen Elisabeth radiating happiness around, and now alas! her sweet face, drawn with grief and tears, is shadowed in mourning. Later, memories of close association with a being so incomparable as her adored husband must bring some measure of relief, and consolation will also be hers in that her beloved son will sustain the Throne of his father.

I am enclosing to you the Programme of the Forms of Service held in Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, London, at the hour of the Funeral of Albert, King of the Belgians of Glorious Memory; to be placed in the archives of the National Federation of Belgian Nurses, with love

MEMORIAL SERVICES IN LONDON.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY.

On February 22nd, at 12 o'clock, Memorial Services were held at Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, at the hour of the Funeral of King Albert in Brussels. The King and Queen in mourning, attended at Westminster Abbey, when the Order of Service was very simple and impressive. After the Blessing, all standing, the National Anthem of the Belgians was played, followed by our National Anthem.

Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., First Vice-President of the National Council of Nurses, was invited by the President to attend.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

At St. Paul's Cathedral the Service was held "In commemoration of His Late Majesty, Albert I, King of the Belgians, of Glorious Memory." The Lord Mayor attended. Again a very simple Service was held. The inspiring Hymn No. 402 was sung, beginning:—

He, who would valiant be

'Gainst all disaster, Let him in constancy Follow the Master.

There's no discouragement

Shall make him once relent

His first avowed intent To be a pilgrim.

After the Blessing, the Dead March from "Saul" was played.

Miss A. M. Bushby attended to represent the British College of Nurses.

REQUIEM WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL.

On Wednesday the 28th February, at 11.30 a.m., Requiem Mass was celebrated at West-

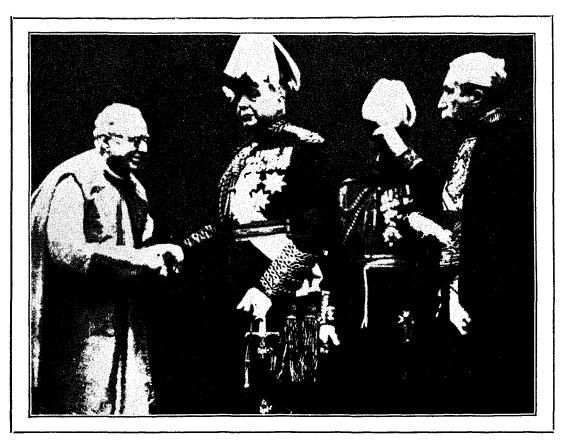
minter Cathedral for the late King of the Belgians. The spacious edifice was crammed to the galleries, representatives of many nations joined in a tribute of veneration to the memory of a man whose moral grandeur was inspired by heroic virtues.

Baron de Cartier,

The Belgian Ambassador.

The King was represented by the Earl of Granard, who was met at the entrance of the Cathedral by the Belgian Ambassador, Baron de Cartier de Marchienne, and conducted by Mgr. Howlett to a seat on the right of the catafalque, near which were stationed officers and men of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, of which King Albert was Commander-in-Chief.

The catafalque, with tall candles twenty feet high on each side, was placed near the steps of the Sanctuary, and was draped with the Belgian flag, on which rested a magnificent chaplet of Flanders poppies.



REQUIEM MASS AT WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL.

Monsignor Howlett. The Earl of Granard, Representing the King.

from their colleagures associated in the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Believe me,

Dear Mlle. Hellemans,
Ever affectionately yours,
ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President,

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. (Chevalier de l'Ordre de Léopold.)

To the President,

National Federation of Belgian Nurses.

Mlle. Hellemans sends warm expressions of gratitude to English friends for "Honours to our beloved King Albert." previous page next page