

even attempt to realize the stupendous amount of work that is put into it week by week. I have taken it from its earliest days and to me it is ever fresh and ever welcome. Never mind what else I may have on hand at the time, as soon as it arrives on Thursday I put all aside and read my journal from beginning to end."

Referring to the organizations initiated or founded by Mrs. Fenwick, and her work to obtain State Registration of nurses after three years' training and a central examination, the Chairman said: "The first principle of these Societies is self-government—government by nurses for nurses, and their success proves the ability of women to manage their own affairs."

"The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, as its name indicates, is an organization whose special function it is to promote and bring about recognition and protection for the trained nurse by the State, and we may be quite sure that it will continue to exist and work until that end is accomplished."

After giving a brief history of the foundation of the International Council of Nurses and referring to her many other activities, Mrs. Spencer concluded: "I am now going to ask you to do honour to our guest, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick. For twenty-five years she has given of her best to the publi-

service. She has always been strenuous and stimulating, and we now want to show by the warmth of our toast how grateful we are to her for the stand she has consistently made all these years for professional progress and professional unity. Some of us here to-night may be lucky enough to possess one talent, or at most, two, but

I think we may say that to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick all the talents have been given, and that they have been cultivated and used to their uttermost for the common good

"Here we have before us no life of ease and pleasure, but one of incessant work and self-denial, inspired by high aims and lofty purpose. These are the qualities we recognize in Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—our Guest of Honour—to whose health, long life and happiness I now ask you to drink."

Miss M. Heather Bigg, supporting the toast, said: "It is unnecessary for me to add more than a few words

to the eloquent tribute paid from the chair to our Guest of Honour; or to enlarge on the many qualities she possesses, which have won for her the regard of the profession to which she has rendered such conspicuous service.

"But I should like to emphasise two qualities, which always commend their possessor to British men and women.



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