

innumerable difficulties, but Mrs. Fenwick never wavered, and her wise generalship had brought the movement to a triumphant conclusion, on which they cordially congratulated her and themselves.

#### THE ADDRESS.

Miss Heather-Bigg then read the following address, which, illuminated on vellum by Mr. Henry W. Donald, the distinguished illuminator and designer, will form a permanent and artistic heirloom, which will, no doubt, be highly prized by generations to come.

#### ADDRESS OF THANKS PRESENTED TO MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

MAY 8th, 1920.

ON THE OCCASION OF HER APPOINTMENT AS A  
MEMBER OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

We, your friends, pupils, and co-workers, desire to express to you, with affectionate regard, our deep admiration and grateful appreciation for your life's work for the organisation and higher education of trained nurses, and at the same time to ask you to accept the accompanying cheque, which we hope you will expend for your own use and pleasure.

We realise that it is impossible to express how far-reaching is the influence you have exercised throughout the world by your pioneer efforts for all that concerns the professional welfare and advancement of trained nurses, or how stimulating an inspiration your constructive genius has been to your colleagues in other countries striving for the same ideals.

It is owing to your far-sighted vision that the inestimable benefit of a professional voice in the press has been secured to trained nurses through the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*. Through your unceasing and self-denying labours as Hon. Editor for twenty-seven years, during which your great talents have been freely devoted to your profession, the demand for the State Registration of Nurses, which you have so fearlessly voiced, has found general acceptance not only in the United Kingdom, but throughout the world wherever trained nursing is organised; a tribute to your high courage, endurance, skill, and unflinching devotion to the highest ideals of the nursing profession, which is the best recognition they could receive.

In originally assuming the financial responsibility for the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* (then the *NURSING RECORD*) we are conscious that you had the active assistance of Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and we realise how much nurses owe to him for his generous support of their cause.

Your work for State Registration of Nurses and your onerous duties as Hon. Editor of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, are only a part of your many-sided activities, they are too many to enumerate, but mention must be made of the International Council of Nurses founded by you in 1899, which has done so much to consolidate and uplift trained nurses throughout the world and to broaden their professional outlook. It has cemented international friendship and has been a source of deep happiness and profit through the International Congresses held in various countries, to many thousands of nurses.

We have been deeply gratified to learn that your successful work to secure legislation for nurses, which will enable them to develop their profession on self-supporting and self-governing lines, has been consummated by your appointment by the Minister of Health on the first General Nursing Council which will administer the Nurses Registration Act in England and Wales.

Although this will impose further work upon you at a time when you might reasonably lessen your arduous labours, we can assure you that your presence on the Council has given unqualified satisfaction to numbers of nurses, and is felt by them to be a guarantee that their best interests will be well conserved during the important period in which the rules of the future government of their profession are considered before receiving the sanction of Parliament.

May you have many years of enjoyment of victory for the cause of political, economic, and professional enfranchisement.

Signed on behalf of the subscribers,

MILDRED HEATHER-BIGG, R.R.C.

Miss Heather-Bigg then said that the subscribers also wished to thank Dr. Bedford Fenwick for his many years of unseen, unostentatious, but invaluable work for nurses. She asked, on their behalf, his acceptance of a gold fountain pen, on which the following words were inscribed:—"Dr. Bedford Fenwick.—In grateful appreciation of his work for nurses. May, 1920." She thanked him for the many times that he had used his pen on their behalf in the past, and expressed the hope that he would continue to do so in the future.

Mrs. Fenwick, who, on rising, was warmly applauded, addressing Miss Heather-Bigg, and her "old and faithful friends," expressed her warm appreciation of the gifts presented to her, and said no general (A Voice: Field-Marshal) could go further than his backing; if she had not been so splendidly supported by such wonderful people for thirty-two years

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