

cess of the Club, for the progress of your profession and the welfare of its Members have been a matter of life-long interest to me. Throughout all the years during which I have been President of this Association I have striven to be no mere figure-head, and have been in very close touch with its activities. It is now more than thirty years since I chose for your Association the beautiful old motto which you see on the scroll of its banner to-day. Looking back on the history of those years, I feel that my Association has been "Steadfast and True" to a principle which I hope will ever dominate its policy—that of placing the welfare of the profession before even the interests of the Association itself. With such a policy to guide you, I look forward to the future of my Association with all confidence, and feel that this beautiful new Club will be used to benefit to the utmost extent possible the interests of the profession of nursing which all my life have been so dear to me."

Requiescat in Pace.

HELENA, PRINCESS CHRISTIAN.

"Steadfast and True."

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

On Monday, 11th inst., the General Council held a Special Meeting at 3 p.m. Sir James Crichton Browne occupied the Chair, and in his address to the Meeting paid tribute to the splendid work which Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian had achieved for the Nursing Profession and to her kindness and goodness in connection with the Royal British Nurses' Association in particular.

The following Resolution was moved by Mr. Paterson, seconded by Miss Liddiatt, and carried by silent, upstanding vote:—

"The Council and Members of the Royal British Nurses' Association desire to place on record their deep sense of the abiding loss which they have sustained by the passing of their beloved President, Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian. For the long period of thirty-five years Her Royal Highness has been not only President but a real friend to the Members of the Association, and has endeared herself to all by her constant efforts to maintain and uphold the interests and the welfare of the Nursing Profession. Although her voice is stilled, her memory will never fade."

It was agreed that the sympathy of the Association be respectfully offered to Their Majesties the King and Queen and to their Royal Highnesses the Princess Helena Victoria and the Princess Marie Louise.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

As befitted so great an occasion as the Octo-Centenary of the foundation of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses held in the Clinical Theatre of the Hospital at 3 p.m., on June 9th, followed by an "At Home," and Reception of Delegates by the League in the Great Hall, was a record gathering.

The Chair was taken by Miss Helen Todd, S.R.N., who, rising, said that before beginning the meeting she was sure the League would wish to send a vote of condolence to the Princess Helena Victoria and the Princess Marie Louise on the death of H.R.H. Princess Christian, who had taken an immense interest in nursing for many years. The motion was carried in silence, the members rising and remaining standing while it was passed.

The President also said that some of the older members of the League would remember Nurse Harris, now Mrs. Whichello, who had lost her husband under sad circumstances. It was agreed that a vote of condolence should be sent to Mrs. Whichello.

Arising out of the minutes was the decision of the League to raise funds to endow a bed as an octo-centenary gift to the hospital, of which the meeting would, said the President, hear more at a later stage in the proceedings.

Miss Todd then reminded the members that her term of office as President had now expired. She would, therefore, vacate the chair and invite Mrs. Andrews, Vice-President, to take it.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, S.R.N., said that the Executive Committee had nominated Miss Todd for another term of office, and the voting papers returned showed that she was re-elected, subject to confirmation by the meeting. On being put to the vote this was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Andrews remarked that it was more years than she liked to remember since she and Miss Todd first confronted one another, but never on a pleasanter occasion than the present one. It was most particularly gratifying that this week Miss Todd should be President, for everyone who had been present at the Octo-Centenary Celebrations would agree that never again would the League pass through such a week in the lifetime of the present members.

On behalf of the League she asked Miss Todd's acceptance of a lovely bouquet of roses, and expressed great pleasure at her re-election as President for another term of office. The flowers were offered with the affection of the League and its admiration for the work she had done, and its good wishes and expectations for that which would follow.

The President who, on resuming the chair, was received with loud applause, said she deeply felt the honour of being again re-elected President of the League, and was much touched by it; she also expressed her warm thanks for the lovely flowers

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