

bearing heraldic arms which Mrs. Fenwick is entitled to use as a direct descendant in the female line of her ancestress, Mrs. Palmer of Thurnscoe, *née* Ann Armroyd.

A short Address, beautifully illuminated, was inscribed within the book as follows :—

PRESENTED TO  
MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,  
THE FOUNDER, IN 1887, OF THE  
MOVEMENT FOR THE ORGANISATION OF THE NURSING  
PROFESSION BY NURSES IN GREAT BRITAIN AND FOR  
THE ORGANISATION OF TRAINED NURSING BY THE  
STATE IN ORDER TO SECURE PRESCRIBED  
SYSTEMS OF TRAINING AND EXAMINATION  
TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION TO A  
STATUTORY REGISTER OF NURSES  
IN GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HER WORK OVER A  
PERIOD OF 32 YEARS, DURING WHICH SHE CONDUCTED  
THE CAMPAIGN FOR THOSE OBJECTS WITH  
BRILLIANT FORESIGHT, SKILL, AND COURAGE.

In making the presentation Miss Breay said :—

Madam President, Ladies, Dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,—

Our first pleasant duty this afternoon is to render homage where homage is most due, and to ask you to accept from some of your friends a copy of the first State Register of Nurses, published under the direction of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, a volume which owes its inception to your foresight, and which symbolises your devotion to the interests of the sick; your desire that the future members of the Nursing Profession may have facilities for development along the best lines; the right to a prescribed training; and admission to the profession of nursing and to the State Register through a one portal examination.

There are some here to-day who have followed your leadership through the thirty-six difficult years since you first gave forth this aspiration as a vital force, and I have the absolute certainty that they would willingly follow it for another thirty-six years—(applause)—if need be, for well they know that, ignoring personal advantage, you have ever sought the public good, and that, as the Prime Minister recently said of one of the greatest of his predecessors, you have done so with amazing pre-vision, unerring perception of the essence of things, and almost superhuman courage.

There are interleaved with the pages of this volume many hopes, much admiration, and great affection.

If I began to speak of your many-sided activities for the Nursing Profession, I should need a volume. This is not the time or the place, nor is it necessary, for they are revealed to us in *THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, which is one of them, and the one for which, perhaps, we are most deeply indebted to you; for this gallant organ in the press which we owe to your pre-vision, to your literary talent

—and you yourself only know to what extent in hard cash and self-sacrifice—is the *JOURNAL* through which the battle for Nurses' Registration has been fought and won.

I have been assured by one of your disciples that, in a hundred years' time, you will be canonized and that the nurses of that generation will be putting up marble statues in your honour. You may, perhaps, derive some satisfaction if you look down upon them from the starry heights; but there are some of us to whom that seems rather cold comfort. We want to express to you here and now, the warmth of our appreciation, our gratitude, and our affection. So I have been charged with the duty and pleasure of asking you to accept this volume. We have tried to make it beautiful, for it enshrines beautiful ideals. We hope it will please you, and with Miss G. A. Rogers (of Leicester), who wrote regretting that she could not be with us, we believe that, though the outlook at the moment may not be a very happy one, you have worked for the future as well as for the present, and we have every confidence that good seed will produce good fruit.

Mrs. Fenwick, in accepting the gift, warmly thanked the donors—all associated with her in the long struggle for legal status—and without whose loyal support victory would never have been won. The volume she held in her hand was far "above rubies," and she valued it deeply, not only for its intrinsic beauty, but for all it represented in human aspiration and achievement for the uplift of the Profession of Nursing.

The Tudor Rose, the Badge of the Registered Nurse, which was well chosen, appeared on its cover, together with her Lozenge. The appreciative words of the beautifully illuminated Address would be valued not only by herself, but by those who came after her into possession of this exquisite Book. It would be left as an heirloom in her family.

The Book was then passed round the room, and was greatly admired by those present—the majority of whom had contributed generously to this very appropriate gift.

Miss S. A. Villiers then asked Mrs. Fenwick's acceptance of a bouquet of beautiful crimson roses and carnations.

#### A VOTE OF CONDOLENCE.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick then took the Chair. Before asking the Hon. Secretary to read the Minutes, she said she was sure all those present would wish to record their deep sorrow at the death of H.R.H. Princess Christian, so sympathetically associated with trained nurses throughout her life. Those present then rose and passed the vote in silence, and it was agreed that it should be sent to His Majesty the King,

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