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## "A VERY PERFECT GENTLEMAN."

"The splendours of the firmament of time  
May be eclipsed, but are extinguished not;  
Like stars to their appointed height they climb  
And death is a low mist which cannot blot  
The brightness it may veil."

*Percy Bysshe Shelley.*

There is only one pen which could have done justice at this time to the memory of Bedford Fenwick—that of Margaret Breay, who for upwards of 40 years worked with him day by day in affectionate association, in united effort for the uplift of professional nursing. At the moment this personal tribute is not forthcoming. Later it may be given its place in the history of nursing.

### PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION.

In this connection never have a greater number of spontaneous tributes been written by nurses to the memory of any medical colleague. These letters, received by the Editor with heartfelt gratitude, will be kept as a lasting memorial to "A Very Perfect Gentleman," and handed to the History Section of the British College of Nurses, the welfare of which he had so warmly at heart.

### TRIBUTES FROM HIS NURSE FRIENDS.

"To-day, October 17th, we went to pay tribute to the passing of our Treasurer and benefactor of the nursing profession for the past 50 years, at the service held at the Crematorium at Golders Green. The flowers were lovely."

"We have just come back from the very beautiful, quiet little service. . . . The day was beautiful and the gardens so peaceful."

"We who have worked for Dr. Fenwick realised his sympathy and understanding at all times, but shall always feel proud that we have been permitted to be of service to you both, which is really an esteemed privilege. We greatly deplore the passing of our revered Treasurer of the British College of Nurses."

"Dr. Fenwick has done so much for the nursing profession, we owe him a real debt of gratitude, especially as concerns the British College of Nurses. We take so much for granted, and our thanks are so inadequate to those who do so much unseen work and give their time and thought for our welfare and to help our profession."

"We all owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr. Fenwick for his unselfish support of our ideals. He will be terribly missed by the Council of the British College."

"Dr. Fenwick's strenuous and magnificent work for so many years and the great achievement you together

secured for the legal status of the nursing profession, will ever be remembered with gratitude, and by none more so than by those who were associated with him in its early days. We marvel at the Journal every month. After reading through the September issue my husband put it down with the remark 'It means a lot of hard work to send out such a journal as that once a month.'"

"We shall miss his kindly presence and manner at our annual meeting. Personally I always admired him so much for all his efforts on our behalf, and although working in the background never grudging us invaluable time and energy. For your combined efforts on behalf of the nursing profession words fail to express my thanks."

"A mere pen fails to express how all we elderly nurses realise the loss of the greatest friend our profession has ever had."

"Sympathy and sorrow for irreparable loss."

"He was always so *good* and *kind* to us all, he will be greatly missed by all of us."

"Dr. Fenwick's death will be a great loss to the medical profession, as he was one of those men who always did his best to help everyone he came in contact with, never studying the cost to himself. It is a great pity there are not more like him in this world of ours, it would be more worth living in. I don't believe in death—it is only a change from the physical to the spiritual."

"How sadly he will be missed by us; he was such a fine supporter of the nursing profession and a great fighter for our rights. . . . You will be comforted by the great monument of his memory."

"We remember his many kindnesses and great thoughts for us as a profession. He will be sadly missed."

"Although I have known of and about him for only a few years, that knowledge was of his high integrity and good work . . . in his sphere of work almost irreplaceable."

"What a tower of strength he has been, and always so gentle and kind. My heart is full."

"The friendship he showed towards nurses and their work will be a happy memory to many whom he benefited."

"I am sure 'all of us' of the British College of Nurses will remember our dear Dr. Bedford Fenwick with love and gratitude all our lives."

"The nursing profession has lost a dear friend and his work for us will stand as a lasting memorial."

"It means the loss of a truly kind counsellor and friend, who ever gave of his wisdom and abundant

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