

knowledge when appealed to on our problems . . . in the meantime your inspiring number of B.J.N. for October is so bracing, it makes one thankful there is still use for us all in our several ways."

"Dr. Bedford Fenwick's devotion to our cause gained for him a special place in our hearts."

"How truly kind Dr. Bedford Fenwick was to all nurses and to the profession, and how proud I was to care for his patients; it was a great honour, and I have the happiest memories of the trust he bore his nurses."

"Nurses have lost a wonderful friend in the passing of Dr. Bedford Fenwick. Just a year ago he wrote me such a kind note when sending the cheque so generously granted by the College, it ended 'with best wishes, yours faithfully,' and never did that word seem more appropriate for none have been more *faithful* to 'us' than he. With deep gratitude I cut out that ending with his signature, and it now forms a book-mark in my New Testament for the Gospel according to St. Luke, our most loyal and devoted Champion."

"He was always so courteous to the 'little people.'"

"A very perfect gentleman."

More need not be recorded.

PROFESSIONAL APPRECIATION.

TELEGRAM FROM HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS ARTHUR OF CONNAUGHT.

Please accept my deep sympathy.

ALEXANDRA.

Royal British Nurses' Association,
194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

Dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,

I have been requested by the General Council of the Association to convey to you an expression of their deep sympathy in the irreparable loss which you have sustained through the death of Dr. Bedford Fenwick. The Nursing Profession and the Association owe to him a great debt of gratitude for all that he did for organisation and for much generosity in connection with this.

I would add to the Council's an expression of my own sincere sympathy with you in your sorrow.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

ALEXANDRA,

President.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

There has been no meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses since the death of its Treasurer, but letters expressing affectionate appreciation have been received from every member of that body.

From Miss M. Breay and Miss M. S. Cochrane, Vice-Presidents, Miss Elizabeth Brodie, Miss E. F. Brownsdon, Miss Katherine Fogarty, Miss M. M. Ingman, Miss Dorothy Tilby, Miss Alice M. Bushby, Miss Elizabeth Martin, Miss Edith Hussey and Miss A. Stewart Bryson.

THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF NURSING.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

I am writing on behalf of the Council of the Royal College of Nursing, to convey to you their sympathy in your sorrow and loss.

Yours sincerely,

BEATRICE MONK, *President.*

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

The Executive Committee of the League has asked me to convey to you their deep sympathy in the great loss you have sustained in the death of your husband, Dr. Bedford

Fenwick, who has helped you so much in your work for the Nursing profession.

Yours very truly,

MARGARET SWAIN,

Hon. Gen. Secretary.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

On behalf of the above Association, I write to express our sincere sympathy in the loss that you have sustained by the death of your dear husband. We remember many kindnesses and great thoughts for us, as a Profession. He will be sadly missed.

With our manifold sympathy,

Yours truly,

BEATRICE M. WEST, S.R.N., S.C.M.,

Hon. Sec.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.

DEAR MRS. BEDFORD FENWICK,

I was so sorry to see in the morning papers of the loss you have sustained in the death of Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and felt I must send you a letter to express my personal sympathy.

As President of the Nurses' League, I must also offer the sympathy of the members, who would, I am sure, wish to be associated in this.

We realise how much you and Dr. Bedford Fenwick have done for the Nursing Profession, and would wish to pay this small tribute to his memory.

Yours sincerely,

M. F. HUGHES.

EXPRESSIONS OF FRIENDSHIP.

Many expressions of friendship from eminent colleagues and friends have been received, testifying to professional eminence and honourable character.

Indeed, the world is the poorer by the passing to his well-earned rest of a man of selfless generosity.

The lyf so short,

The craft so long to lerne,

Th' assay so hard,

So sharp the conquering.

Chaucer.

IN MEMORIAM.

We have to thank a few generous old friends of Bedford Fenwick for expressing their hope that a Memorial may be erected in his honour.

No, the time is not yet for the realisation of such a kind suggestion. Moreover, a living memorial is to hand.

For half a century Bedford Fenwick worked unceasingly for the honour of nurses and nursing: for their freedom of spirit and power of self-expression, for their right to knowledge, their legal status, their recognised professional position in the body politic, their right to just remuneration, the conservation of their health, and the recognition of their share in the successful treatment and care of the sick, as an invaluable national asset; a policy by no means shared by the majority of his medical colleagues.

What need for memorials in marble or stone?

Let every member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, which he helped to found in youth, of the British College of Nurses, to the well-being of which he devoted his last days, and every reader who appreciates a free organ in the Press—the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—determine to support them financially and thus keep alive his life's work, and the memorial he would most value will live.

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