

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE CHAIR OF NURSING AND HEALTH.

The Committee to organize the collection of Funds in the United Kingdom, in support of the proposed International Memorial—a Chair of Nursing and Health—to Miss Florence Nightingale, will be formed, and begin its work at an early date.

The proposal has been made that a day's pay shall be invited from every Matron and Nurse in Great Britain and Ireland, towards an international fund (raised in part by nurses in other countries) towards establishing the Chair in connection with an English University, preferably in London. That probationers might give sixpence, nurses 1s. 6d., Sisters and Charge Nurses 2s. 6d., and Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses 5s. to 10s., and also that collecting cards will be issued, so that those who value highly skilled nursing, and realise how necessary special courses of education have become, to meet all the specialised work required from nurses—in superintending, teaching, preventive work, hospital, and social work, may have an opportunity for giving their financial support to the scheme, and thus recognising the genius of the Founder of Modern Nursing, whose "supreme weapon" in life saving was education.

THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The members of the School Nurses' League have taken time by the forelock, and set a most spirited example to other Nurses' Societies. This little band of enthusiastic nurses, whose salaries are moderate, have already given and collected £50, and they hope to double that splendid sum! What London County Council School Nurses can do, inspired by the same professional goodwill, other nurses can do, and we hope there will be tremendous competition between organized nurses' societies, and hospital and institution staffs, to emulate this very generous lead.

"THE NIGHTINGALE POWER."

We feel sure Miss Goodrich—our International President—will have a most exciting time at San Francisco next year, when the Purses in support of this Nurses' International Memorial to the Founder of Modern Nursing are presented, and the sums scored up.

The "Nightingale power," alluded to so often in Miss Nightingale's Life by her biographer, is nowhere more potent than in the United States of America. She is indeed the

patron Saint of its nurses, and they have refused support and approval to any memorial of a philanthropic character. America means to memorialise her as Teacher and Lawgiver.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND.

Miss Musson, President of the Annual Conference of the National Council, to be held in Birmingham in June, has already begun to consider arrangements for the meeting. We are glad to know that much interest is already being taken in it, and valuable suggestions for discussion are under consideration. This Conference is of an entirely professional nature—and it is hoped that the Exhibition to be held in connection with it will be of an eminently practical one, as it is intended to allow plenty of space for the Handiwork and Inventions of Nurses.

THE RED CROSS IN THE UNITED STATES.

From the report of the Annual Meeting of the American National Red Cross, which recently took place in Washington, U.S.A., we gather from Miss J. A. Delano's report in *The American Journal of Nursing* how splendidly successful it has been during the past year in all its various activities, and the keynote of this success is the high standard of nursing efficiency demanded in its nursing corps. Thoroughly trained graduate nurses only form its working battalions. No nibbling at nursing under Miss Delano.

At the meeting it was announced that the 400,000 dollars appropriation of Congress for the Red Cross Building in Washington conditional upon raising 300,000 dollars was now available, and it is hoped the building, to be erected as a permanent home for the American Red Cross, will be ready by 1915. A tablet to be placed in the building will bear the following dedication:—

"A Memorial built by the Government of the United States and Patriotic Citizens to the Women of the North and the Women of the South, held in loving memory by a now United Country, and that their labours to mitigate the sufferings of the sick and wounded in War may be for ever perpetuated, this Memorial is dedicated to the service of the American Red Cross."

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