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MEETING AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

A CLUB FOR NURSES.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London presided at a crowded meeting at the Mansion House on Thursday, the 13th inst., to inaugurate a scheme to found a club for nurses under the auspices of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and was supported by a very influential platform. A telegram was read from Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian, President of the Association, wishing the scheme success and conveying her thanks to the Lord Mayor and the speakers. Another was read from Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur of Connaught, a Vice-President, sending good wishes for the meeting. Messages and telegrams were also read from the organised societies of trained nurses affiliated to the Corporation, and one from Miss Annie Hulme, with good wishes and notifying a donation of £20.

THE LORD MAYOR PROPOSES RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE SCHEME.

The LORD MAYOR explained the object of the gathering and said that now that the armistice period had arrived, it seemed a fitting time to inaugurate such a scheme and for the City of London to embrace the opportunity of paying tribute to the great services that the nurses had rendered to the nation. At this meeting they proposed to show their gratitude to the nurses and the method in which that debt of gratitude might be paid. He commended the scheme to inaugurate a Club for Nurses as an opportunity for the public to give practical proof of their gratitude. Aid was not being asked for a charity; support was needed to place the new building on a satisfactory financial basis, and after that there was good reason to believe that the nurses would support it themselves. Once established, it would assuredly become a great boon and a memorial of the work done by the nurses for our soldiers and sailors. He had great pleasure in moving the following resolution: "That this meeting cordially approves of the scheme inaugurated by the Royal British Nurses' Association to found a Club for Nurses and will endeavour in every way to carry it out and to further its success."

MRS. LLOYD GEORGE SECONDS RESOLUTION.

MRS. LLOYD GEORGE said that it gave her the greatest pleasure to second the resolution. It was not necessary for her to make a speech, for the generosity of her hearers needed no stimulus. All knew and appreciated what the nurses had done. They had saved thousands of precious lives and their work would bear comparison with that of the finest soldiers and civilians during the war. She particularly commended the scheme because it had been initiated by Mr. Herbert Paterson, the Hon. Secretary. She knew something of his work. He was a great organiser and with his capable help she felt that the scheme would be a great success. She commended the scheme very strongly to the meeting.

LORD MORRIS ASSOCIATES HIMSELF WITH THE MOVEMENT.

LORD MORRIS said that he highly appreciated the honour of being permitted to associate himself with the movement. To attempt to add anything to the convincing speech of the Lord Mayor would be like painting the lily and gilding refined gold. Launched under such auspices, with the assistance and hearty approval of Mrs. Lloyd George, the wife and partner of the man who had done so much to inspire England, her Dominions and the world, and who was still so heroically and patriotically working for a great end, he saw no reason why the scheme should not succeed. Those who had been at the Front, at the clearing stations, and the various hospitals in England, knew something of the work of the nurse. The more technical became the work of the physician and surgeon, the more skilful did the nurse require to be. Nearly every paper at the present time had some scheme for a war memorial, but what more fitting memorial could there be than the scheme suggested to-day? He hoped that the project would be taken up in no small and inadequate way, but in a very generous spirit.

THE MARCHIONESS OF AILSA BRINGS GREETINGS FROM SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The MARCHIONESS OF AILSA said: "I bring you greetings, my Lord Mayor, from the Scottish Nurses' Club in Glasgow and most heartfelt good wishes for the scheme which you are inaugurating

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