

the great American Nurses' Association, numbering nearly 100,000 nurses, and with the approval of France. It was probable therefore that Miss Lloyd-Still would preside over the destinies of the nursing world, and if so the next quadrennial period would be a Nightingale Administration, in which the Florence Nightingale International Foundation should be generously endowed, in proof of appreciation of her stupendous genius, of the nobility of her character, and of the inestimable debt owed to her by humanity throughout the world. The Meeting terminated in a spirit of optimism, and the lovely St. Thomas's tea helped to sustain its enthusiasm.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League was held in the Class Room of the Nurses' Home at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Saturday, December 3rd. Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., the President was in the Chair and a great crowd of members were present. Miss Baines presented the reports, amongst the correspondence a specially nice letter from Miss Breay, present, in spirit, we know.

An item of good news was that four members of the Nursing Staff had entered for the D.N. examination and all had passed, thus we climb professionally step by step, for ever receiving more expert instruction, and adding value to our ministrations of skill.

Florence Nightingale Foundation.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick spoke on the proposed Florence Nightingale Foundation and reported progress. At the moment it was the aim of the small Conjoint Committee to provide for the interim year, to finance 15 scholarships for International students, for the year 1933-1934, so as to continue the Courses of post-graduate nursing education at Bedford College for Women, hitherto financed by the League of Red Cross Societies, until such time as the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees were formed and able to make a world-wide appeal.

The League of Red Cross Societies had promised five scholarships, one earmarked from the British Red Cross Society, and it was up to our National Council of Nurses to give a generous lead in this connection. At a recent meeting it had appointed a small committee to collect £500 with which to provide two scholarships and before it had time to meet the Nightingale Fellowship and the League of London Hospital Nurses had each promised a Scholarship of £250.

Mrs. Fenwick continued that she was there to ask the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to support the appeal, it had raised thousands for good causes in the past, and in honour of the great benefactress to humanity, Florence Nightingale, she realised they would be eager to do their part.

We were only just beginning to realise the greatness of Florence Nightingale—a nurse, yes, but also a supreme organiser and administrator, a woman of outstanding intellectual force and conscience.

In a few years the Florence Nightingale Foundation would encircle the world, and its students from far and near would carry knowledge to the uttermost parts of the earth—the knowledge that health was the greatest asset of life—its violation an outrage of the laws of creation.

The opportunity of contributing to the Nightingale Foundation was an honour of which rich and poor would be happy to avail themselves. The audience were evidently of this opinion.

Miss Dey then invited an expression of opinion, but without hesitation Miss Cox-Davies evidently voiced unanimous opinion by proposing:

"That the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses

should there and then agree to give a Scholarship available during the interim year 1933-1934."

This was seconded by Miss Simpkin (a former Sister Hope) of the Universities Mission, Central Africa.

When put to the vote a whole forest of hands shot forth, and agreement was unanimous and enthusiastic. In thanking the League for its generous support, Mrs. Fenwick said she felt sure the senior League would be well to the fore in support of the Nightingale Foundation. The National Council appeal was only ten days' old, and already three Scholarships had been promised, worth £750—a splendid response.

Medical Work at the Universities' Mission, Central Africa.

Miss Simpkin then delivered a most interesting address dealing principally with Leprosy and its treatment in Nyasaland, where she has taken an active part in its care and cure. She spoke most hopefully of the progress science was making in the treatment of this terrible disease, and of the adaptability of native "boys."

The audience was intensely interested in hearing of the wonderful and successful work accomplished by Medical and Nursing skill through this splendid Mission.

The Reunion.

Never have we attended a more representative and lively meeting of the League; it was just bubbling over with comradeship and happy greetings (we suspect Rahere the Jester was in our midst!).

Everyone seemed younger than ever, although half-a-century had passed since some of us had the happiness to pass through the Royal Gateway!

We owe the President, Miss Dey, and the Hon. General Secretary, Miss Baines, a very hearty vote of thanks for their welcome and courtesy and making us all feel so much at home.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The autumn meeting was held at the Royal Infirmary on Tuesday, November 1st, at 5.30 p.m. Evensong had been said in the Chapel by the Rev. H. V. Williams, Chaplain, at 5 o'clock. Miss Hughes, D.N., President, was in the chair, supported by Miss Rogers and Miss Vincent, R.N.C., Hon. President, and Misses Pell Smith and Sherlock, Vice-Presidents. About 50 other Members were present. A resolution proposed by Miss Rogers, seconded by Miss Grocock, was passed unanimously: "That the names of those who are in full Membership of the League, whose subscriptions are not more than two years in arrear at the time of their death, and who have been Members for one year or more, may be inscribed on the Memorial Brass of the League."

Miss Vincent spoke on the International Memorial to Florence Nightingale, and said that she thought that Nurses to-day did not fully realise all that Florence Nightingale had done for Nurses and Nursing. Various Leagues and Hospitals will contribute towards the Memorial and she would ask the Members to consider making a grant towards it from the League Funds. She moved that a resolution to this effect should be placed on the agenda for the Annual Meeting. Miss Rogers seconded this resolution, and thought that the League should certainly contribute to the Memorial.

After the Meeting, held in the fine Recreation Room of the Nurses' Home, the Members, many of whom had come to assist at the Infirmary Bazaar on the following days, were glad to have the opportunity of meeting old friends; and visited additions to the Nurses' Home, including a complete new unit of Nurses' Sick and Isolation Wards, and beautifully equipped Class and Demonstration Rooms.

Dinner was served in the Nurses' Dining Room and later the Company went to the Granby Halls to admire the display in readiness for the opening of the Bazaar.

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