

The Florence Nightingale Memorial

The Nightingale Fellowship held its winter meeting on Saturday, November 26. There was a large attendance and after the usual business meeting the president, Miss Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., introduced Dame Maud McCarthy, G.B.E., R.R.C., who spoke on "The Army Nursing Service, with special Reference to the Mobilisation of Nurses in the Great War." Dame Maud gave a vivid account of the wonderful organisation by means of which nurses were sent to the various seats of war, and of the splendid team work that had called forth world-wide admiration for the British nurse.

Sir Arthur Stanley, treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick followed Dame Maud and put before the members the proposed scheme of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. Sir Arthur disclosed the fact that both he and Mrs. Fenwick had had very scanty notice; nevertheless they were glad to be given the opportunity of explaining how far the provisional International Committee had progressed with its plans.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick explained how this committee had come into being. She reminded the audience of the International Course for Nurses at Bedford College, arranged by the League of Red Cross Societies in conjunction with the College of Nursing, a course which had done valuable work during the last twelve years. The proposed scheme was to endow a number of scholarships for this course for nurses from all over the world, and at the same time to offer them a beautiful home to live in (already existing in Manchester Square). She stressed the need of helping to provide scholarships during the two years before the Memorial Committee could collect the funds necessary to endow them in perpetuity. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick ended by saying that surely there could be no more lasting and far-reaching memorial to the immortal work of Florence Nightingale.

Miss Lloyd Still then announced that the Nightingale Fellowship had already enthusiastically agreed to contribute the funds necessary for one scholarship during the interim, and that arrangements would immediately be made to collect the contributions which members of the Fellowship wished to make.