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Florence Nightingale Foundation

THE Florence Nightingale International Foundation Committee of Great Britain, which is promoting a costume ball at the Royal Albert Hall on the evening of May 6, is a unit in a great international movement to raise a permanent and living memorial to Florence Nightingale, which will carry on and extend her beneficent work.

The memorial is to be in London, with headquarters at Florence Nightingale International House, 15 Manchester Square, and it will take the form of a post-graduate nursing education for a selected group of fully trained nurses, drawn from those who stand in the forefront of their profession of all countries.

Since the inception of these courses of study—which are established at Bedford College, University of London—259 students from 43 countries have completed their training in this country, and returned to fill positions of great professional responsibility.

Upwards of twenty countries, including Canada, India, the Irish Free State, New Zealand, and South Africa, have already formed national committees to collect funds. Similar steps have been taken in Continental countries, while others are getting committees together to help in the work. The United States are also taking part.

The Duchess of Devonshire is president of the Appeal Committee in this country, while the chairman of the Ball Committee is Sir Arthur Stanley, with Lady Muriel Paget as the honorary secretary. A sum of £40,000 is required immediately to maintain the scholarships, and ultimately, for complete endowment by the countries all over the world in establishing the Florence Nightingale International Foundations, £200,000 will be necessary.