ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION GIVES $400,000 TO ENDOW COLLEGE OF NURSING

RECOGNITION of the College of Nursing of St. Luke's International Hospital by the highest tribunal in the educational world has been bestowed by a gift of $400,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation to endow the College. Such a gift is made by the Rockefeller Foundation only after the most thorough investigation and an appraisal of the institution under consideration in comparison with other institutions. The members of the American Executive Committee for St. Luke's, as well as the Director of the Hospital therefore are very much gratified by the award of this handsome endowment.

The gift does not count towards the $2,656,500 now being sought, since the objective of the present campaign is the raising of funds for new buildings. However the endowment of the College of Nursing cannot fail to prove a great incentive in providing funds needed to build this unit of the new Medical Centre since the gift is contingent upon the securing of the $850,000 needed for this purpose.

The resolution adopted by the Rockefeller Foundation appropriating the endowment, contained in a letter from the Foundation to Dr. Teusler, is as follows:

"RESOLVED that the Foundation hereby pledges itself to appropriate the sum of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000) to St. Luke's International Hospital, Japan, for endowment of its College of Nursing, to be paid upon completion of the buildings of the Nursing College, it being understood that the Foundation's present contribution toward the maintenance of the College of Nursing shall cease with the appropriation and payment of this pledge."

At the present time the Rockefeller Foundation is giving $10,000 annually towards maintenance of the College of Nursing.
Christmas and St. Luke's

CHRISTMAS is almost here!

How frequently this exclamation is on the lips of everybody at this season, sometimes in a tone of anticipation, sometimes in a tone of slight dismay at the thought of Christmas shopping yet undone!

This festival, when gifts are bestowed upon friends and loved ones in commemoration of that holy day when the Wise Men brought gifts to the Manger, is the most beautiful of the whole year, as it is the most significant. Amid the bustle which accompanies the modern preparation for this holiday it is natural, perhaps, that few pause to give thought to the deeper significance of Christmas and to the obligations implied by the approach of this season.

Certainly there is no time of the year when it would be more fitting to give thought to some of the great enterprises of Christianity. In this season more than at any other, perhaps, a consideration of the magnificent service St. Luke's International Hospital is rendering in behalf of Christianity would be most timely. This service is twofold. In alleviating bodily ills the Hospital achieves one purpose, and by this act leads those who come under its influence to follow the precepts of Christianity.

The Christian spirit of self-sacrifice which animates the members of the staff of St. Luke's has often been referred to. Recently there has come to the attention of the American Executive Committee a copy of an article by George Marvin in The Outlook for June 18, 1924, which illustrates the spirit of the individuals on the Hospital's staff so strikingly that it seems worth while to quote the story just as Mr. Marvin relates it:

“During the week when the exclusion act was passed a Japanese trained nurse from St. Luke's Hospital in Tokyo was called on an emergency case to help drag back to life the wreck of an American. She was a highly educated woman who had been round the world, lived in Cambridge, England, two years, and had served in the Red Cross unit at Vladivostok during the war. When the earthquake hit St. Luke's, she carried patients on her back out of the toppling building to a place of safety. Some of them were men patients heavier than she. Not one of her own belongings was saved; she lost them all because she never thought to go for them. The patients had to be cared for and shifted from place to place as the fire made each refuge untenable. Many fell by the wayside. She carried on through to the finish. Every day she read her papers in English and Japanese. And here was an object that only by a stretch of the imagination could be called a man—unshaven, tousled, dirty and reeking of manifold iniquity—who taxed even her patience and her great strength. Through the long night she nursed him sleeplessly. And when at dawn he roused at last from his delirium of pain, his first conscious vision beheld her kneeling at his bedside praying for him.”

Such devotion is the rule at St. Luke's. Surely it should prove an inspiration to those who, though not privileged to have a part in carrying on this great work as doctors or nurses, can help in other ways to insure its continuance and expansion.
Mrs. August Belmont, one of the speakers at the

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Mrs. Belmont declared that “We must prepare for peace just as enthusiastically as some of us prepare for war.” There is no better way, she said, than to “sow seeds of generous kindness in the nations across the water from us,” for not only this but future generations will reap the benefits.

Dr. Teusler described Japan as being “in the blue print stage of clinical medicine.” “And we all know the difference between picturing a house in blue prints and living in it after it is built,” he said.

The United States has fine modern hospitals, Dr. Teusler said, largely because of the demands of the sex who are housekeepers the world over—women, in their role of trained nurses—because of the example provided by modern hotels, which create the demand for comfort in living, and because of the generosity of wealthy men and women who have learned to give. Japan largely lacks these present-day conceptions of hospitalization and one of the principal reasons for building the new St. Luke’s would be its value as a demonstration of the methods employed here in the United States in caring for the sick. To make this demonstration effective it should include all of the departments of medicine not only for the actual treatment of the sick but for the prevention of disease. Departments of public health, the training of nurses, the visiting of the sick in the homes, the care of well babies and well children from birth throughout their primary years, the post-graduate training of young Japanese physicians—all these services contribute to the establishment of the modern medical centre as we have conceived this term in the United States.

The St. Luke’s Medical Centre in Tokyo can make a contribution along very practical lines not only to health conditions in Japan but as a clearing house for medical and scientific research work between Japan and the Western World. The doctors of the staff are qualified as interpreters because of their combined professional training in Japan and in the Occident. Through years of intensive work they have obtained special training to fulfill this important function and to-day St. Luke’s is recognized throughout Japan as the exemplification of Western scientific and clinical medicine.

Dr. Wood said that the Hon. Lloyd Griscom, former United States Ambassador to Japan, once had remarked that there is no American in Japan so representative as Dr. Teusler, whether as medical man, professional man, business man or just kind friend.

“Mr. Lamont once said of Dr. Teusler that he combines all the executive ability of a great captain of industry, the compassion of a John the Baptist and the skill of a great physician,” Dr. Wood said, “and I concur in that estimate so I want to repeat it.”

Dr. Wood emphasized the universality of the Hospital’s service. “Whether you’re an American ambassador or a humble Japanese without funds St. Luke’s will give you skillful care,” he said. He mentioned Jane Addams among those who probably owe their lives to this institution.

**John Nicholas Brown of Providence**

*Gives $10,000*

A GIFT of $10,000 to the St. Luke’s fund was presented by John Nicholas Brown of Providence following a luncheon which he gave at the Hope Club in that city on November 14.

The guests at the luncheon were prominent business men, including Zachariah Chafee, William Gammell, Sr., William S. Innis, R. H. Ives Goddard, William B. MacColl, Charles H. Manchester, Frank W. Matteson, T. I. Hare Powel, William G. Roelker and Thomas H. West, Jr.

The speakers were Dr. Rudolf Bolling Teusler, Director of St. Luke’s, and Frederick Moore, formerly advisor to the Japanese Foreign Office and Associated Press correspondent in Tokyo.
Mrs. Davison National Head of Women’s Committee

MRS. HENRY P. DAVISON of New York, a woman widely known for her philanthropic interests, has accepted the chairmanship of the National Women’s Committee working for St. Luke’s International Medical Centre.

The Women’s Committee is not yet complete. Women who already make up its personnel are outstanding and form a distinguished group. They are, besides Mrs. Davison, Mrs. Robert Burkham of St. Louis, Mrs. E. Y. Backus of Cleveland, Mrs. Josiah Collins of Seattle, Miss Louisa T. Davis of Leesburg, Va.; Miss R. L. Hibbard of Pasadena, Calif.; Mrs. Howard Hoppin of Providence, Mrs. Edward Ingersoll of Penllyn, Pa.; Mrs. James D. Ireland of Cleveland, Mrs. Allan McGregor of Springfield, O.; Mrs. George Allen Mason of Highland Park, Ill.; Miss Katherine Mather of Cleveland, Mrs. G. Brown Miller of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast of Germantown, Pa.; Mrs. Edwin J. Randall of Evanston, Ill.; Mrs. James G. Staton of Williamston, N. C.; Miss L. C. Sturgis of Glencoe, Md.; Mrs. Samuel Thorne of Harrison, N. Y.; Mrs. Marmaduke Tilden of Jenkintown, Pa.; Mrs. John R. Wheeler of Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. George Woodward of Chestnut Hill, Pa., and Mrs. James J. Goodwin of Hartford, Conn.

The first meeting of the New York Women’s Com-

mittee was held at the home of Mrs. Davison, 4 East 66th Street, the afternoon of November 22. Few movements have been so fortunate as to have women of such high calibre on their executive bodies. In this group are Mrs. August Belmont, Mrs. E. H. Harriman, Mrs. Linzee Blagden, Mrs. Martin Egan, Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, Mrs. Nigel Cholmeley-Jones, Mrs. Thomas W. Lamont, Mrs. Robert G. Mead, Mrs. William Fellowes Morgan, Mrs. William Church Osborn, Mrs. Samuel Thorne, Mrs. Seth M. Milliken and Mrs. Douglas Robinson.

General Committee Augmented By Outstanding Men

SEVERAL more distinguished men have been added to the General Committee working to raise the $2,656,500 fund since publication of the names of the first members of this group. Every section of the country is now represented on the Committee.