

Nursing Echoes.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES has learned from the International Council of Nurses that the British community in Turkey is setting aside some part of the funds collected from its Coronation appeal to erect a plaque in the Crimean cemetery at Scutari, which adjoins the site of the Crimean War Hospital.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has been asked to assist the Florence Nightingale International Foundation in one of its objectives, that is to develop a bibliography which is urgently needed by students of nursing history and nursing education.

It is known that Great Britain and Northern Ireland are in possession of books, letters, pictures, and other interesting material relating to Florence Nightingale. The Council would therefore be most grateful for help to locate all collections and material which could be included in the bibliography.

Questions regarding a bibliography pertaining to the life and work of Florence Nightingale:

(1) Has anyone in Great Britain and Northern Ireland written about Florence Nightingale or on her work in book form or article form. If so, can you give us the name and address of such authors, and possibly introduce us to them?

(2) Are there in this country actual Florence Nightingale collections. If so, to whom do they belong and where are they located. Can you briefly indicate the contents of the collections?

All persons having knowledge of any information as set out above are required to write to Miss Ellen Brøe, Director of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7. We would stress that Miss Brøe *does not wish to have any articles sent to her*, but only the information regarding its location. Miss Brøe would also like to know whether the material is catalogued, if it is possible to obtain a copy of the catalogue, and if permission could be obtained to publish the catalogues where they exist.

A STUDY OF British practice in the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis and after-care and resettlement arrangements has been made by a group of nine doctors from six overseas countries who took part in a course, arranged by the British Council in Birmingham and London from April 13th to 25th.

They came from Austria, Finland, India, Italy, Portugal and Switzerland and most of them are specialists in tuberculosis.

Lectures were given by leading British specialists, dealing with such aspects as tuberculosis in industry, tuberculous meningitis, non-tuberculous chest conditions and tuberculin testing in school children. They visited hospitals, clinics and research institutions in Birmingham and London, and a visit was arranged to Papworth Village Settlement near Cambridge.

The course was planned under the guidance of Dr. W. H. Wynn, Consulting Physician to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, and Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Birmingham University, and Dr. C. H. C. Toussaint, Consultant Chest Physician to Willesden Chest Clinic and to Central Middlesex Hospital.

The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the Grand Council of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Northern Ireland was held on April 17th, 1953, at the Middlesex Hospital Nurses' Home, by the kind permission of Miss M. Marriott, Matron.

This Extraordinary Meeting was held to deal with matters relating to the meetings of the forthcoming International Council of Nurses to be held in Brazil in July of this year.

The outstanding items were the nomination for election of Hon. Officers; and to consider in particular that of the I.C.N. President. The ballot taken resulted in the choice of Madame Germaine Vernet being nominated as President of the I.C.N.

Standing Committees.

A recommendation submitted by the New Zealand Registered Nurses' Association and the Australian Nursing Federation, that:—

“In view of the fact that national nurses' associations may wish to include amongst their membership those grades of nurses and midwives who are registered in their own country and to include those nurses, who although not eligible for registration, are entered on a roll kept by an authoritative body, it is recommended that the I.C.N. Membership Committee be asked to re-consider the question of membership in national nurses' associations affiliated to the I.C.N.”

This recommendation was not agreed.

At the conclusion of the meeting, a delectable tea was provided, and everyone enjoyed the courtesy and kindness extended to them by Miss M. Marriott and her staff.

The General Nursing Council for England and Wales.

A MEETING OF THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on 24th April, 1953.

It was reported that a further sum of £15,000 had been invested in Treasury Stock, undated.

The Chairman reported that an address of condolence on the death of Queen Mary had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen, to which a reply had been received.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved, and the sums of £4,700 for Cash Account and £700 for postage allowed.

Estimates for Kardex Cabinet and Steel Foolsap Filing Cabinets to the value of £84 6s. 1d. were accepted.

An automatic time switch for floodlighting 23, Portland Place at a cost of £23 was agreed.

Registration.

It was reported that Miss J. McKinlay Calder had resigned from the Registration Committee.

Education and Examination.

It was agreed that, subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, provisional approval under Section 3 of the Nurses Act, 1949, be granted until such time as training for admission to the part of the Register for Fever Nurses ceases, to the proposal that following registration on the General part of the Register, nurses who receive three months' experience in the nursing of infectious diseases at Neasden Hospital, London, N.W.10, while undergoing general training within the Central Middlesex Group, be entitled to enter for the Final Examination for Fever Nurses on completion of a further nine months' training in Neasden Hospital.

It was reported that Miss J. McKinlay Calder had resigned from the North East Metropolitan Area Nurse-Training Committee and that Professor James Whillis, M.D., F.R.C.S., has been invited to take the seat.

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