

## THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee was held at 39, Portland Place, W., on Thursday, June 23rd. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was in the Chair, and there were present Mrs. Victor Bonney, Miss Beatrice Cutler, Miss H. L. Pearse and, by invitation, Miss Grace Reynolds Hale, R.R.C. Mrs. Shuter was not able to be present owing to the serious illness of Dr. Shuter, and Mrs. Andrews and Miss Vergette were also unable to be present.

## RESIGNATION OF MRS. SHUTER.

The Committee received with the deepest regret the resignation of Mrs. Shuter as Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund, a position she has held with distinction and devotion from the inception of the Committee, and which under her guidance has been placed on a sound financial basis. A resolution was unanimously agreed expressing the sincerest thanks to, and appreciation of the work of Mrs. Shuter for the Memorial, a copy of which it was directed should be sent to her.

Miss Grace Reynolds Hale, R.R.C., was elected to the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the Fund, and she kindly consented to accept office.

## THE BALANCE SHEET.

The Balance Sheet showed a surplus interest on investments of £39 9s. 9d.

## A PERMANENT VISIBLE MEMORIAL.

The principal business before the meeting was a Resolution on the Agenda: "To consider a Permanent Memorial to Miss Isla Stewart and to take action thereon."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said it was now upwards of fifteen years since the Memorial Fund was inaugurated "to raise a Fund for a Memorial of an educational character to Miss Isla Stewart," and no visible Memorial of a permanent character had been decided upon by the Committee. She thought it was time some action was taken in the matter.

She proposed that a fine Antique Bookcase be purchased in which to keep books of educational value to Nurses, that by consent of the Council it be placed in the "Study," in a prominent position, in the British College of Nurses, and that a Tablet suitably inscribed be attached to the Bookcase.

Those present, all of whom were pupils of the late Miss Isla Stewart, warmly supported the proposal (and a letter was read from Mrs. Andrews approving the suggestion), all agreed that Miss Stewart's love of books was proverbial, and that those who wished to honour her memory could not do so more fittingly than by fostering in her name a love of learning.

It was agreed to sell out Stock to the amount of £100, purchase a fine Bookcase, and spend the surplus in Medical and Nursing Books, and that annually the interest on the remaining £600 invested be spent partly in new educational works and for other purposes. The Committee expressed a wish that the Isla Stewart Oration should again be occasionally delivered, a sum of money from interest to be allocated from time to time for this purpose. This was unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Shuter sends a letter of thanks for "your kind and sympathetic letter, and also for the kind resolution passed by the Committee," and adds "I am glad there is to be a lasting memorial in the British College of Nurses of Miss Isla Stewart, it is gratifying to feel such a splendid Pioneer should not be forgotten."

We are glad to know that Dr. Shuter's condition is now more hopeful.

## HISTORICAL ACCURACY ESSENTIAL.

We have received various comments on the leading article which appeared in *The Nursing Times* of June 18th on the International Council of Nurses, over the signature of Miss E. M. Musson, in which the foundation of the International Council of Nurses was attributed to Miss Isla Stewart, "assisted by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick."

This glaring misstatement was corrected in a letter from Miss H. L. Pearse, the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, in the next issue of the paper, who quoted the documentary evidence concerning the foundation of the International Council of Nurses from *The Nursing Record* "of July 8th, 1899, basing her protest on the ground that now that the History of Nursing is to form a very desirable part of the education of nurses, it is essential that it should be based on accurate documentary evidence."

From the same issue it appears that the editorial in question was not written by, or submitted to, Miss Musson, but compiled from a well-informed article by her, subsequently published in the *Nursing Times* of June 25th, in which issue also the editor, Miss Hester Viney, takes full responsibility for the previous article and apologises for this breach of journalistic ethics, and she has also tendered a private apology to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

Miss Viney has only recently assumed the editorial chair, but when she has filled it longer she will no doubt realise that signed articles should only be inserted when a copy bearing the original signature of the author is in the office.

## NURSES' ORGANIZATIONS.

## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain was held at 39, Portland Place, London W., in the Board Room of the Registered Nurses' Society, on Thursday, June 16th, at 5 p.m. The President of the Council, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was in the Chair. Miss E. M. Musson, International Treasurer, attended by request, and Miss Cox Davies represented the College of Nursing, Ltd., which at present has no representative on the Executive Committee. These ladies took part in discussions but did not vote.

## Correspondence.

The Correspondence included letters of regret at inability to attend from Miss McDonald (President, Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League) and Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., and Miss A. S. Bryson (Directors).

Also a letter from Miss Simms, President of the Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League notifying that Miss E. L. Noble, S.R.N., Theatre Sister at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, had been nominated as a Delegate of the League in place of Miss Jones, Lying-In Hospital, City Road, E.C., who had gone abroad.

The President further notified letters from Miss Reimann, including one informing her that she and Miss Musson had been elected by the Board of Directors as the two representatives of the International Council of Nurses on the Joint Standing Committee of Women's International Organisations.

A letter from Miss Musson in regard to her visit to Geneva to see the newly-established Headquarters of the I.C.N., of which she is Treasurer, and have the opportunity of talking over various matters of business with Miss Reimann, the Secretary, which had proved most useful.

A letter from Miss Helen Lamb, S.R.N., R.M.N., accepting office as a Director of the National Council.

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