

The Central Committee should be, I think, considerably enlarged, and should be such as to carry great weight in every country. It would be desirable to have the Presidents of the various National Organisations as members, but the fact that these officers are likely to change every few years, reminds us that the elements of stability, and some degree of permanence, might need to be considered in the membership of the Central Committee with a long task ahead. Perhaps the Chairman of each of the National Committees might fittingly be members of the Central body.

In my opinion, and I hold this very strongly, there should be appointed on both the Central Committee and the National branches, a suitable number of persons quite outside the profession of nursing, but interested in it, and in the whole range of human needs which nursing serves, and in which Miss Nightingale made their service possible.

I must confess that I see no way whatever to carry out any such project as the suggested memorial to Miss Nightingale without depending upon the active and generous support of a number of persons of eminence, persons of weight and influence in each of the several countries uniting in the effort, and in the case of the Central Committee of men and women who are internationally known. We nurses can bring forth the idea, and show how important it is, and can give it some direction, a certain impetus, and a vast deal of sustained work, but with us in the movement there is needed a wider public interest, a greater strength, and larger powers than we alone can command. Apart from this lies the fact that Miss Nightingale's work stretched far beyond nursing, and reached into the whole realm of women's lives, education and opportunities, as well as into the entire field of public health, hospitals and social work. It is not any lukewarm endorsement or patronage that we should seek, but the kind of adherence which desires to share in the upbuilding of this Memorial and which is both able and ready to participate effectively in so doing."

After discussion the Board of Directors appointed the following Sub-Committee to consider the evidence before it and to make recommendations: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Musson, Miss Alexander, Mlle. Chaptal and Miss Reimann.

The Sub-Committee presented the following Recommendations which were agreed.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE.

1. That the F. N. Memorial Committee be extended by the inclusion of the Presidents of all Member Associations.
2. That the Report of the Memorial Committee submitted by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick be circulated with the invitation to serve.

3. That they be informed that it is suggested that ultimately—when the Committee has formulated some more concrete suggestions—influential persons in each country shall be included in the organising Committees.
4. That the members of the Board of Directors assembled in Geneva regret that they cannot recommend the acquisition of 10, South Street, London, Miss Nightingale's house, as it is in a derelict condition, the space available is small, and the cost prohibitive.
5. The Board suggest that the Foundation should be in London, that it should be of an international character, and a living memorial—not a museum. The suggestion which most appeals to the Directors assembled in Geneva is that the memorial should take the form of an endowed foundation for post-graduate nursing education.

The Nightingale International Memorial Committee is composed to date as follows:—

Great Britain.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Lloyd-Still.

U.S.A.—Miss Isabel Stewart, Teachers' College, Miss Carrie Hall.

Canada.—Miss Mabel L. Gray.
Norway.—Miss Kirstin Nordendahl.

In reply to the recent invitation of the Board of Directors the Presidents of the following Nurses National Associations have consented to act:

Belgium.—Mlle. J. Hellemans, Directrice de l'Ecole de Malines, Rue de l'Empereur 311, Malines.

Bulgaria.—Miss N. Sendova, Bulgarian Red Cross, Blvd. Makedonia 49, Sofia.

Canada.—Miss Florence H. W. Emory, School of Hygiene, University of Toronto, Toronto.

China.—Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, Central Hospital, Nanking.

France.—Mlle. Chaptal, 13 Avenue de la Motte-Picquet, Paris VII.

Holland.—Miss Meta Kehler, Vondelstraat 112, 1, Amsterdam.

India.—Miss M. E. Abram, Matron, The Presidency General Hospital, Calcutta.

Irish Free State.—Miss Alice Reeves, Matron, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin.

Norway.—Sister Bergliot Larsson, 12, Universitetsgaten, Oslo.

South Africa.—Miss B. G. Alexander, P.O. Box 14, East London.

Sweden.—Sister Bertha Wellin, M.P., Dalagaten, 35, D., Stockholm.

U.S.A.—Miss Elnora Thomson, University of Oregon, 814, Oregon Buildings, Portland, Oregon.

We hope for the participation of all the Presidents of



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