

National Member Organisations when they have had time to reply.

Let us keep in mind that the scheme which most appeals to the Directors assembled in Geneva is embodied in paragraph 5 of its recommendations: "That the Foundation should be in London, and that the memorial should take the form of an endowed Foundation for post-graduate nursing education."

But as the proposer of this Memorial I am strongly convinced that it is the proud privilege of Great Britain to take the lead in this movement. The Nurses of the world expect it. Not that we claim that Florence Nightingale belongs alone to England. She is of those whose home is the universe, a resplendent jewel in the World's Crown of Genius. Her work is the heritage of all humanity. She is a living force to-day of true magnitude, of amazing vigour and energising power. It is our duty to recognise and utilise that force, not only in her honour, but in the furtherance of the vital problems which she promoted with such vision and ardour.

Let us waste no further time.

And now may I make a practical suggestion?

Already in London we have the nucleus of such a Foundation as approved by the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. I allude to the International Nursing Courses established at 15, Manchester Square, London, by the League of Red Cross Societies, invaluable work mainly subsidised in the past by the U.S.A., but which it would appear may not continue to be carried on by the League unless the funds for its support are forthcoming. This situation has been notified to the competent authorities in London by the Secretary-General from Paris.

I have had an interview together with Miss Lloyd Still with Sir Arthur Stanley, Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital, the Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, and proposed that a small delegation from our National Council of Nurses, say three members, should meet three of the competent authorities of the British Red Cross Society to discuss, without prejudice, the possibility of the organisation in England of such a Central Committee as recommended by Miss Nutting, with a view to making permanent the International Nursing Centre as the nucleus of the International Florence Nightingale Memorial.

Sir Arthur Stanley is quite prepared to meet us in consultation and to help to promote our wishes in this connection, and I think you will agree that we must have the imprimatur of the Nightingale School, and St. Thomas's Hospital if we are to inspire confidence in our appeal for financial support in aid of our Nightingale Memorial in this country, and throughout the world at large.

I would invite you therefore before adopting this Report to vote on two recommendations:—

1. To approve the Recommendations of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N.
2. To approve a Consultation of equal numbers with the competent Red Cross authorities in London associated with the International Nursing Courses at 15, Manchester Square, London, and to elect three representatives to attend such Consultation.

To further these ends will someone propose and someone second that this Report be received, when it will be open for discussion."

Miss M. E. Sparshott moved and Miss Le Geyt seconded, that the Report be received, and this was done.

DISCUSSION.

Miss Lloyd Still said that what was needed in connection with this Memorial was a big outlook and a big vision. We wanted to enlist the support of influential people in this country, of eminent people in America, and indeed in the whole world. There should be nothing parochial about the movement.

Miss Musson, supporting the Report, said that the present seemed the psychological moment to take action. The Board of Directors of the I.C.N. had approved of a Nurses' Memorial to Miss Nightingale of an educational and international character, and the proposal in regard to the Students International House at 15, Manchester Square, seemed very felicitous. But something even bigger was wanted, namely to include the allied questions in which Miss Nightingale was interested. She supported the proposition to hold the small conference suggested.

Miss M. E. Craven, Matron of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, Delegate of the Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League, and Miss Wilmhurst, Delegate of the Association of Queen's Superintendents, former students of the courses organised by the League of Red Cross Societies located at 15, Manchester Square, spoke warmly of the benefit they had received from attending these courses, and Miss Le Geyt, spoke as one who had looked on at the work from its earliest days with great admiration.

On the proposition of Miss Cox Davies, seconded by Miss Cochrane, the recommendations of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses were approved.

The President remarked that in connection with the acquisition of the site of Miss Nightingale's house (10, South Street, W.) it was now hemmed in by two palatial hotels, and it was out of the academic area. We must not let sentiment stand in the way of practical benefit.

It was proposed by Miss E. S. Innes, and seconded by Miss J. Thornton Ruddy, that the Council approve "of a Consultation between equal numbers of its members and of the competent Red Cross authorities in London associated with the International Nursing Courses at 15, Manchester Square, W., and to elect three representatives to attend such Consultation." This was unanimously agreed.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Lloyd Still, and Miss Musson were then elected to represent the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain at the Consultation.

A Questionnaire.

The next item on the Agenda was to report a Questionnaire on Inspection of Nursing Education and Nursing Conditions, sent to the Council by the International Council of Nurses.

The first question to which an answer was invited and which was read from the Chair by the President, was: "Is inspection of nursing education, and nursing conditions, provided for in your Nursing Act, or its regulations, 'decree, rules, etc.'?"

The President said that great interest was being taken on the Continent at the present time in Nurses' education and the inspection of Nursing Schools by nurses, and it was at the request of the Belgian Nurses that this Questionnaire had been circulated by the Board of Directors of the I.C.N.

Miss Musson said that it was unfortunate that the word inspection did not occur in the Nurses' Registration Act for England and Wales, therefore the inspection carried out was done by members of the Council.

The President suggested that it might be well to send the Questionnaire to the Ministry of Health and ask for information.

Miss Beatrice Kent, seconded by Miss A. Stewart Bryson, proposed that this should be done.

Miss Cox Davies, seconded by Miss Innes, moved an amendment that the Questionnaire should be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report.

The amendment, on being put to the vote, was carried.

Mr. H. Rendall Gothard was appointed Auditor for the ensuing year, and the meeting terminated with a cordial vote of thanks to the Chair.

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