

On November 28th your President communicated with the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, the Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, sending to him a copy of her Report on the proposed Florence Nightingale International Memorial Scheme, and informed him of the names of the three representatives appointed to consult with the British Red Cross Society.

On November 30th Sir Arthur Stanley replied and stated that Dame Sarah Swift and Mrs. Carter, together with himself, would consult with our representatives.

We met informally at the Treasurer's House, St. Thomas' Hospital, by invitation of Sir Arthur Stanley, on Thursday, January 14th, of which informal discussion a report is extant, at which the representatives of the National Council brought forward nine questions which received consideration, and after further discussion it was agreed that the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies should be asked to co-operate in founding such Memorial to Florence Nightingale, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Lloyd Still and Miss Musson were asked to draft some more definite scheme to be put before the Council of the League.

Mrs. Carter undertook to forward to Sir Arthur Stanley an outline of the Scheme as now carried out by the League of Red Cross Societies. A further meeting would be called by Sir Arthur Stanley when the draft was ready for consideration. It was suggested that when this had been done the President of the International Council of Nurses should be asked to forward the proposal officially to the Council of the League.

Your three representatives of the N.C.N. drew up an Introduction and an Outline of a Scheme in which is incorporated Mrs. Carter's Memorandum on the organisation by the League of Red Cross Societies of the International Course in Public Health in 1920, and the second course in 1924, destined to meet the special requirements of Nurses called upon to act as administrators or teachers in Schools of Nursing.

Mrs. Fenwick said the Memorandum was a most interesting document, and contained tables of expenses in connection with the educational programme which showed that to finance the scheme adequately, allowing for 15 students, an income of £5,270 ros. was necessary.

The details of the Scheme as drafted was, with some necessary additions, subsequently adopted.

On February 4th a Meeting was held at 14, Grosvenor Crescent, the Office of the Red Cross Society, to which Sir Arthur Stanley invited representatives of the League of Red Cross Societies, the National Council of Nurses, the College of Nursing and Bedford College.

After discussion, it was unanimously approved:

1. That the Memorial should be called "The Florence Nightingale International Foundation."

2. That an International Appeal should be made for a sum of £200,000.

3. That the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses and the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies be asked to approach each Country represented on their respective Boards to appoint a representative to a Council which should meet once annually, to be called the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

4. That each Country should set up a Committee composed of members of the National Council of Nurses and the National Red Cross Society, with power to co-opt, to be entitled "The Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee of (name of Country)."

5. It was further agreed that the Grand Council should be responsible for the policy of the Foundation, and elect a Committee of Management to carry it out.

The President announced that Mlle. Chaptal, the President, had been kept fully informed of the discussions and negotiations between England and Paris—that, with one slight amendment, she approved the Draft Scheme in its final form, and had in a charming letter put forward the proposal officially to the Board of Directors of the L.O.R.C.S., and had received a reply from Mr. Swift, the Secrétaire Général of the League of Red Cross Societies, in which he wrote, "With you I rejoice at the occasion which offers to the League of Red Cross Societies collaboration with the International Council of Nurses, and I entertain great hopes for the realisation of the Florence Nightingale Foundation."

The next official step in this country should be to re-assemble the small Committee which drafted the Scheme of the Foundation, and proceed to

form the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain.

#### A Nightingale Week in London.

In the meantime, I would suggest that our National Council of Nurses should organise a Nightingale Week in London, preferably in the first week in July, and invite our International President, and Officers, and Presidents or their representatives of National Organisations, who have accepted office on our International Florence Nightingale Committee, to visit us as guests, so that we may interest them personally in the Nightingale cult.



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