

and belonged to every age and every country. It was a memorable occasion—so full of soul and spirit—such entrancing music—such gay company—and the nurses present so inspired by their visit to Kaiserswerth, where they had covered the grave of the great Frederika Fleidner with flowers—and stood in the little room, the window draped with British colours, overlooking the garden where Florence Nightingale had stood years and years ago—at last content in the environment which was to fit her for her glorious future of use to humanity. A Nurses' International Memorial to Florence Nightingale—all present acclaimed the suggestion.

Miss Nutting was selected as Chair of the Provisional Memorial Committee, Miss L. L. Dock, Hon. Secretary I.C.N., came to London, and together we placed before Miss Tuke, of Bedford College, our ambitions for the foundation of a Florence Nightingale Memorial Chair of Nursing and Health, which did not at that time materialise.

Alas! before it could take form the world was at war—and in 1915, all the beautiful pageantry to be held in the Greek Theatre at Berkeley, California, arranged to take place by the American Nurses' Association in connection with the Gift Procession for our International Memorial to Miss Nightingale could not be carried out.

Time passed, in 1925 a Nightingale Memorial Committee was again elected at Helsingfors with Miss Carrie Hall, of Boston, as Chair—and later at Montreal in 1929 I was elected Chair. The steps taken since then have been recently reported—the Report made to the Board of Directors at Geneva in 1931, when it agreed to the following recommendation:

**RECOMMENDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS I.C.N.,  
GENEVA, 1931.**

"The Board suggest the Foundation should be in London, that it should be of an international character, a living memorial—not a museum. The suggestion which most appeals to the Directors assembled at Geneva is that the Memorial should take the form of an endowed foundation for post-graduate education."

It was agreed that steps be taken to promote the scheme before the next meeting of the I.C.N., and that the Presidents of all federated Associations be invited to join the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, which the majority of them have done—and that influential persons in each country should be included in the Organising Committee.

Acting on these recommendations, I, as Chair, together with Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer, I.C.N., and Miss A. Lloyd-Still, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital, and the Nightingale School of Nurses, found on enquiry that the Courses for International Students—which had been so successfully organised and financed for twelve years by the League of Red Cross Societies—through Bedford College for Women and the College of Nursing—might in the near future be terminated. Here appeared a wonderful opportunity for the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies to confer in the hope of united action. We therefore approached Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, who, together with Dame Sarah Swift, Mrs. Maynard Carter, Chief, Division of Nursing, and Mr. de Gielgud, Assistant Secretary-General of the

L.O.R.C.S., formed a Conjoint Committee to consider the question.

The Conjoint Committee has drafted the Scheme which was before the meeting—its organisation was simple. It provided for the formation of National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees—in every country, the Nurses' Organisations and National Red Cross Societies in combination, if thought well, such Committees to organise as they found convenient, and have right of nomination to form an International Council, which would define the policy of the Foundation and elect and control an Executive Committee of Management, which would under a Trust Deed administer the funds. These National Committees to be jointly composed of Nurses and members of the public interested in nursing education and public health.

Having got thus far the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain were inspired to organise a "Nightingale Week" in London and invite international colleagues to consider the Scheme—inspect the work as at present organised and report to their various organisations.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

Before inviting discussion, Mrs. Fenwick read letters from some of those unable to be present. From:

Mrs. Victoria Pon Yen, President, China, conveying approval, scheme to be considered by next meeting of the Nurses' Association of China.

Miss M. E. Abram, President, India, "very interested in scheme," hopes to be able to do something in India. Placing it before the next meeting of the Trained Nurses' Association of India; nominated Miss F. Kenyon, her assistant matron, to attend Conference.

Miss Florence H. Emory, President, Canada, "With every good wish for success of the undertaking"; nominated Miss Fairley, Matron, General Hospital, Vancouver, to attend Conference.

From Miss Mabel F. Gray, Canada, promising support.

Miss B. G. Alexander, President, South Africa, not had time to nominate a representative, "country suffering from depression, but scheme will certainly receive a measure of support."

Sister Bertha Wellin, President, Sweden, did not consider time favourable for Scheme.

From the U.S.A. Miss Elnora Thomson and Miss Isabel Stewart wrote saying someone would certainly attend from U.S.A., but, later, former wrote again saying she could not speak for organised nurses in U.S.A., if present, and owing to financial situation at the present time it would seem impossible to undertake any combined effort as suggested. Ultimately the following cablegram was received: "Best wishes profitable Conference, regret not present, asking Nan Dorsey represent me informally.—Elnora Thomson." This, I am glad to report, Miss Dorsey will do, as we wish that our colleagues in U.S.A. to have an unbiassed report.

Miss Clara D. Noyes, Miss Carrie Hall and Miss Isabel Stewart, unable to attend, in full sympathy "with the original purpose of the I.C.N. Committee, but would urge that no action should be taken till the 1933 meeting in Paris."

Mrs. Fenwick explained that letters from Miss Nutting were marked "confidential," but she assured the Meeting that Miss Nutting's opinion, venerated by all,

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