

had been kept in the forefront of consultations whilst drafting the scheme.

DISCUSSION.

The Scheme drafted in conjunction with the League of Red Cross Societies was then considered.

Miss Thomson of U.S.A. had suggested, that owing to present financial difficulties, the plan to use as a basis the post-graduate courses for nurses in London, at present conducted by the League, should be dropped for a year

It was emphasised that the title of "Foundation" was considered by Miss Nutting to be appropriate and had been used by her in one of her valuable communications on the subject: and it was recommended to omit the word "Memorial" in the title of the International Council, but to retain it in connection with National Committees.

Mlle. Hellemans (Belgium) considered that National Committees could come into being in every country. She thought it was difficult to get money at the present time, but said that nurses were used to difficulties. Belgium would be very glad to help.

Miss Reimann, said that when in America, Miss Nutting suggested collecting information as to experience from other foundations in administration and management. She had written to various countries and received many replies.

Miss Venny Snellman (Finland) stated that a Scandinavian scheme for post-graduate courses had already been formed, but nurses in northern countries would welcome an international scheme of which they heartily approve. Such education had proved of immense value. Miss Snellman wished to know if each country was to be represented on the Grand Council, to which the Chairman replied in the affirmative.

Miss Serton (Holland) pointed out that as the Red Cross Society in Holland was political, the nurses might find co-operation difficult.

The Chairman pointed out that the proposal provided for co-operation between the profession and the laity, and the whole world had an interest in the teaching of Miss Nightingale, and making it available in the promotion of health.

Dame Sarah Swift said that the British Red Cross was entirely unpolitical. She stated that great difficulty had been experienced in finding a suitable building to develop the post-graduate scheme now in force, and a good deal of money had been spent to make it suitable for the students. For this reason alone she hoped the scheme would continue and prosper.

Sister Larsson wished to know why the League of Red Cross Societies was giving up so successful a proposition, and offering it to the I.C.N. She wished to know if the I.C.N. were likely to keep the leadership in this school, and how many representatives of the L.O.R.C.S. would be on the Grand Council. She pointed out that the I.C.N. was the only guarantee for each National Organisation of Nurses.

The Chairman replied that the L.O.R.C.S. had not offered their organised school to the I.C.N., but were



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or two. It was agreed that this would be very inadvisable as it would be impossible to resuscitate such an organisation.

Miss Lloyd Still pointed out that the International Nursing Courses had been an unmitigated success since their inauguration. It was also noted in favour of the scheme that London was considered by the I.C.N. the most suitable place for the Nightingale Foundation, and there was no room for two such international schemes. It was at present being financed by American support for another year, pending these negotiations.

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