

be called the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee of Great Britain. It was decided that the first Committee should consist of five members of the National Council of Nurses and five members suggested by the British Red Cross Society, with power to add to their number. The following names were put forward to represent the National Council of Nurses: Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Lloyd Still, Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, Miss Musson, and Miss Dey, and it was left to the British Red Cross Society to appoint a similar number, including the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, who was then elected.

The National Committee then delegated to the Executive Committee all its powers when not in session and instructed it to draw up a set of rules and regulations necessary for the conduct of the business.

#### GIFT FROM OLD INTERNATIONALS.

Mlle. Méchelynck, of the Belgian Federation of Nurses, then spoke a few words on behalf of those who, like herself, had taken the course at Bedford College. She said that the Association of Old International Students would like to be among the first in supporting the Florence Nightingale International Foundation scheme, and had, in fact, already raised the sum of £200 for which she was thanked with applause.

Miss Lloyd Still, Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School, proposed a vote of thanks to Mlle. Hellemans and the Delegates, and asked them to carry a message of regrets to Mlle. Chaptal.

The proceedings were terminated by a vote of thanks to Lady Minto, proposed by Miss Musson and heartily endorsed by the whole Meeting.

#### GUESTS AT THE MEETING.

Amongst the guests present were:—Miss Cochrane, S.R.N., Matron of Charing Cross Hospital; Dame Maud McCarthy, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss F. Kenyon, Presidency General Hospital Calcutta, Trained Nurses' Association of India; Miss Peterkin, C.B.E., Queen's Institute of District Nursing; Miss Wilcox, R.R.C., Matron of King's College Hospital; Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., LL.D.; Miss B. M. Wilcox, rep. *Nursing Mirror*; Mlle. Odier, C.I.C.R. (International Council, R.C.S.); Dame May Whitty, D.B.E.; Mrs. Temple, Royal British Nurses' Association; Miss J. P. Egbert (U.S.A.); Mrs. Helen F. Draper, American Red Cross; Mrs. Maynard Carter, A.R.R.C., League of R.C.S.; Miss Darbyshire, R.R.C., Matron, University College Hospital; Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., D.N., The College of Nursing; The Countess of Derby; Dame Sarah Swift, G.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss Proctor, M.A., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., King's College London; J. C. Lawrence, Esq., Red Cross; Miss D. M. Smith, Matron of Middlesex Hospital; Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, Royal British Nurses' Association; Mlle. Méchelynck, Belgian Federation of Nurses; Mrs. William Pendarves; The Duchess of Abercorn; Miss D. K. Graham, British College of Nurses; Miss Inge Funding, Matron of Almindelig Hospital, Copenhagen, The Danish Council of Nurses; Dr. E. W. G. Masterman, British Medical Association; Miss Nicodimova, The Bulgarian Nurses' Association; Miss N. L. Dorsey, U.S.A.; W. H. Bonham-Carter, Esq.; Sister Bergliot Larsson, President The Norwegian Nurses' Association; Miss Reimann, M.A., Secretary, International Council of Nurses; Mlle. Hellemans, President Federation of Belgian Nurses; R. Montgomery, Esq., rep. High Commissioner for India; Miss Dey, R.R.C., Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Lady Perrott, R.R.C., rep. The Order of St. John; Violet, Lady Melchett; Mrs. Buckler, C.B.E.; Miss Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., The College of Nursing; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., President The National Council of Nurses of Great Britain; Miss Watt, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, R.A.F. Nursing Service; Miss Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C., Q.A.I.M.N.S.; Ernest J. Swift, Esq.; L. de Gielgud, Esq.; Miss Rosalind Paget; Mary Countess of Minto; Miss E. Smith, Matron of Westminster Hospital; Miss Venny Snellman, President National Council of Nurses of Finland; Miss Norah Farrant; Miss E. M. Pye, Midwives' Institute; Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, D.B.E., R.R.C.; Miss Hughes, R.R.C., Head Sister in Chief, Q.A.R.N.N.S.; Miss M. Serton, The Nosokomos, Holland (Hon. Secretary Dutch District Nurses'

Association); Sir Edward Stewart, B.R.C.S.; Sir Harold Boulton, Bt.; Miss M. Littleboy, Matron of London Hospital; Miss G. Jebb, M.A., Bedford College; L. H. Shore Nightingale, Esq.; Dowager Viscountess Harcourt, G.B.E.; Miss E. Isitt, rep. *Manchester Guardian*; Miss Bulman, R.R.C., Matron of Royal Free Hospital; Miss A. M. Bushby, British College of Nurses; Lady Roberts, G.B.E.; Colonel Irwin, D.S.O.; Sir George Henry Makins, G.C.M.G., etc.; Prof. de Wesselow; Miss Fairley, Superintendent of Nurses, General Hospital, Vancouver, Canadian Nurses' Association; Mrs. L. Seymer; Miss R. Cox Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C.; The Lady Riddell; Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., LL.D.; Miss Lloyd Still, C.B.E., R.R.C.; Dr. Turvey.

#### GARDEN PARTY AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

When the inaugural meeting ended, all those present were most hospitably invited by Sir Arthur Stanley, the Treasurer, and Miss Lloyd-Still, the Matron, to a garden party in the picturesque grounds, which, as everyone knows, lend themselves admirably to such functions—superbly situated as the hospital is on the terraces which beautify the banks of our glorious tidal river Thames. Here blue-and-white angels flitted around offering a succession of dainty "kickshaws," cakes, fruits, ices, which never seem superfluous. But a visit to St. Thomas's meant near association with Florence Nightingale. Some of the beautiful wards were on view, and in the Nightingale Home treasures associated with her work and life were eagerly approached. Miss Nightingale's carriage, used by her in the Crimea, has been "rescued," and is now placed safely in a special niche in the corridor, the glass guard to which can be kept securely closed. On this occasion access was permitted, so that those so deeply interested could enter and touch this primitive conveyance in which so many of her missions of mercy were made.

But the real "Nightingale Shrine" is the small room into which one passes from the large Hall of the Home. Here the most precious items are carefully secured. Various portraits of Miss Nightingale adorn the walls. There are many mementoes of her, notably her walking stick in a glass case, little things she valued, a grey enamelled mug from the Crimea such as the soldiers used, and the little basket in which it had been carefully kept. Books, papers, autographed letters of great value, and other treasures, evidently held in deep veneration, were on view.

In this "shrine" Miss Lloyd-Still read to us a letter written by Miss Nightingale to a Lord of high degree, a masterly and dignified expression of remonstrance such as she alone would dare to pen to such a potentate—a letter we long to see printed in evidence of the claim that the world owes as much to her dauntless spirit as to her persuasive power, or ministering graces.

The visit to the Nightingale Home brought the visitors a deep sense of nearness to the great Lady with whose life and work they had been associated all the week.

Naturally the Nightingale Training School for Nurses organised by Miss Nightingale, together with Mrs. Wardroper, a celebrated Matron of the Victorian era, was inspected with deep interest. Miss M. A. Gullan, the eminent Sister Tutor, together with Miss Lloyd Still and able assistants, have raised this School to the very first rank in England. It is an interesting fact that the Nursing School has been administered since its inception by a specially constituted Committee, is partially endowed, and that the Nightingale Probationers contribute a very moderate fee towards the expenses of their training. Now that nursing science demands a long and very expensive technical training, it is not improbable that women may in the future be called upon to contribute towards the cost of their hospital education.

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