

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

DONATIONS STILL COMING IN.

We beg to acknowledge with sincere gratitude the following donations to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund:—

	£	s.	d.
From the London Hospital League of Nurses. For a Florence Nightingale Scholarship	250	0	0
From Miss L. O. Chapman, Matron, raised by the Nursing Staff of the Municipal Hospital, Sunderland ..	20	0	0
From Miss Woodhall, Matron and the Nursing Staff, Lambeth Hospital ..	15	0	0
From Miss Myra L. Taylor and Miss M. Sim, Newfoundland	11	6	0
From Miss M. Breay	5	0	0
From Miss Mary E. Jones, A.R.R.C., Matron and the Nursing Staff, St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, S.E. ..	5	0	0
From Miss Stopford Smith, Hon. Secretary, Exeter Branch, College of Nursing	2	10	0
	<u>£308</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>

The Royal British Nurses' Association has received upwards of £42 of the £50 promised.

Miss M. Sim (Matron, St. John's Mental Hospital, Newfoundland), and Miss M. L. Taylor (Matron, General Hospital, St. Johns, Newfoundland), have collected £11 6s. for the Scholarship Fund, to be added to the £100 already subscribed by the British College of Nurses. Miss Lloyd Still—who has already paid into the Central Fund to be administered by the Conjoint Committee the £250 subscribed by the Nightingale Fellowship for a complete Scholarship—has now in hand an additional sum of over £200.

All this generous interest upon the part of the nurses augurs well for the future, and it is very satisfactory to have a nice little nest egg in hand with which to start the Foundation Appeal when it is issued by our National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee.

THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES.

In a few weeks the Nurses of the World will meet in conference in Paris—Brussels—an experience the younger Nurses should make every effort to enjoy. We specially hope many Sister Tutors will be present, as interchange of experience and new view points will be of special value to them.

ATTENDANCE FROM GREAT BRITAIN.

The President N.C.N. has been kept quite busy signing Identification Certificates. Those who are wise will make their arrangements in good time, as we are evidently to be well represented.

Tickets will not be available after June 26th.

THE PURPLE RIBBONS.

It is hoped the Purple Ribbons, inscribed in silver, "National Council of Nurses of Great Britain," will be ready for distribution at an early date; these Ribbons will be forwarded to every member of our Council, who registers for the Congress.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

REPORT OF COUNCIL MEETING.

The seventy-sixth Meeting of the Council of the British College of Nurses was held at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, April 22nd, 1933.

The President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, was in the Chair, and all the Members of the Council, excepting Miss Breay, who sent a letter of regret, were present.

Prayers having been read by the Secretary, the Minutes of the last Meeting were confirmed.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES.

UNREGISTERED NURSES EMPLOYED AS SISTERS.

Correspondence with Sir Montagu H. Cox, Clerk to the London County Council, was reported on the protest sent from the College on the employment of unregistered Nurses as Departmental Sisters by the L.C.C. upon the recommendation of the Central Public Health Committee, of which Dr. Florence Barrie Lambert is Chairman.

The London County Council is still determined to ignore the legal status of the Nursing Profession in making such appointments, and it would appear that further steps giving publicity to this grave injustice would be necessary in this connection. This was agreed.

NATIONALITY OF MARRIED WOMEN.

Miss D. K. Graham made a report of her attendance as a member of a deputation to the Home Secretary on March 20th, on the Nationality of Married Women from the Pass the Bill Committee.

A very representative deputation attended, and claimed that urgent alteration of the law was necessary as at present women were deprived of their birthright of nationality upon marriage with a foreigner.

They were informed that they must await agreement with the Dominions on the matter.

The President said that the chief opposition emanated from the League of Nations. Miss Graham was thanked for her services.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A very large number of letters were read and replies sent.

Miss Beatrice L. Ellis, Superintendent, Toronto Western Hospital, Canada, and Miss Sharpe, one of her instructors, who hope to be in London in June, asked if arrangements could be made for them to see something of Hospital Administration and Sister Tutors' Work in schools for Nurses.

Miss Cochrane consented to help in this matter, and it was agreed to invite heads of Nursing Schools to receive the colleagues from Canada. Several letters of thanks for and appreciation of Administration Classes were read. The usual business was conducted by the Council.

Members were elected.

A satisfactory financial report was received. It was reported that the arrangements of the "History Dinner" were complete, and that amongst the Guests of Honour Captain Cunningham-Reid, M.P. for Marylebone, would attend.

THE HISTORY SECTION.

The Chairman, Miss A. M. Bushby, reported interesting information *re* letters written by Miss Nightingale to the Editor of the *Newcastle Chronicle*, *re* the Dicky Bird Society, and also to "Uncle Toby," who founded the Society (all of which appear under "Nightingaleiana" in this issue).

Miss Jessie Holmes had presented several most interesting items, one a valuable Royal Letter, also "The Life of Queen Victoria, 1819-1901," by G. Barnett Smith—in perfect condition.

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