

relapse when recovery was thought to be assured. Going back to normal conditions and taking up the home conditions as before cannot be dealt with, and so unconscious wishes or fears prolong the truce provided by the illness.

And what about the fears that assail the nurse herself, both in her training and afterwards. At the start of her career she may be troubled by the same fear of the unknown, of strangers, or the many sick persons with whom she comes in contact and of catching every disease which she nurses. She may later on develop examination fear, fear of responsibility when she is left to take charge of patients without the constant presence of a senior from whom she takes instructions. Whence come these fears? Once more we must retrace the steps to childhood and find there the answer to the riddle. In the girl's position in the home, in the incidents and experiences of her childhood we shall find the psychological roots of the troubles that worry her during her nursing career in connection with her work relating to the medical staff, hospital authorities, colleagues and patients.

### THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS APPEAL.

The following Donations have been received with gratitude since our last issue in support of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund Appeal of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

	£	s.	d.
The Nursing Staff of the Royal Infirmary Glasgow	35	0	0
The Matron and Nursing Staff of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge	6	0	0
Florence Nightingale Appeal, I. C.N., 1914, per Mrs. Fenwick	18	10	11
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	£59	10	11

### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

We have further good news to report this month from Member Associations in the I.C.N.

#### SWEDISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

We have received the following letter from Sister Elisabet Lind, Chairman of the Swedish Nurses Association:—

Stockholm, Sweden.

DEAR MADAM,

According to your favour of November 25th, 1933, the Swedish Nurses Association on March 24th, 1934, established a National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, aiming to support the efforts of the International Committee in interesting the Swedish Red Cross Society and every other foundation in our country, so that in any way could be profitable to the International Foundation.

Yours sincerely,

ELISABET LIND,

Chairman, Swedish Nurses Association.

### GRADUATE NURSES ASSOCIATION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

PRAGUE.

The newly elected President of the Association, Miss Olga Andelová, sends a letter informing us of the business carried out at the last annual meeting of the association held on February 28th, 1934, in regard to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee. She writes: "We formed, together with the Czechoslovak Red Cross Society, the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee and held two meetings; as I have written you before, there are plans made for the formation of such an association."

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF FINLAND.

It is with great pleasure that we have received the following good news from Finland. Miss Venny Snellman, President of the National Council of Nurses of Finland, is known to us all as an enthusiastic internationalist in nursing circles.

Helsinki, Finl and

DEAR MRS. FENWICK,—I am glad to be able to inform you that a National Florence Nightingale Committee now is formed through the co-operation of the Nurses' Associations and the Red Cross.

Our two Nurses' Associations have both appointed two members on the committee and the Red Cross four members, out of those two nurses, so as to get a majority of nurses on the committee.

The first meeting of the committee will be held very soon and we hope to be able to do something though our possibilities are very limited indeed.

Yours very sincerely,

VENNY SNELLMAN.

We are indeed delighted to welcome the help of Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Finland in organising the Florence Nightingale Foundation, and hope that in the near future we may skirt the Baltic with Norway.

### NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

A Meeting of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain will be held on Thursday, June 14th next, at 3 p.m., at the Nightingale School, St. Thomas's Hospital. Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, who is the President, has kindly consented to take the Chair.

This is a very representative Committee, on which all the important Nurses' organisations have delegates.

JULY 5TH, 1934.

July 5th, 1934, will be a red-letter day in the history of the Foundation as on that date the meeting will take place at 15, Manchester Square, London, W.1, to inaugurate what is evidently taking form as one of the greatest international and, we may hope, beneficent movements of our time.

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