

Financial Policy of the National Council.

The Advisory Committee discussed the financial policy of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain in relation to the proposed Florence Nightingale Foundation, and agreed that a scheme should be organised to interest members of the Nursing Profession in the great work of Miss Florence Nightingale in defining the basic laws on which modern nursing was founded. That a Day of Remembrance should be adopted to honour her name, preferably August 13th, the day on which she died in 1910 (the British Red Cross having adopted her birthday May 12th) when members of the Nursing Profession could unite in forms of ceremony and each one be invited to subscribe a small sum in support of the Florence Nightingale Scholarship Fund of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. As the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain is to be represented on the Committee of Management of the Foundation it will naturally wish to take an active part in its financial support and retain the power of nominating one or more students annually through the National Florence Nightingale Committee of Great Britain.

DONATIONS TO THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND SINCE THE ANNUAL MEETING.

	£	s.	d.
The Matron and Nursing Staff of The North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent (second donation making £25 in all)	14	10	0
Miss M. L. Taylor, General Hospital, St. John's, Newfoundland		15	0
East Suffolk Hospital Nurses' League ...	5	0	0
Matron and Nursing Staff of The Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, (3rd donation making £57 in all)	12	0	0
Matron and Nursing Staff of The Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, Glasgow	2	2	0
Miss Mabel Thurstan		10	6
Central Middlesex County Hospital Nurses' League, Harlesden	5	5	0
Miss M. Sim, Hospital for Mental and Nervous Diseases, St. John's, Newfoundland ...	1	1	0
Matron and Nursing Staff of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge		6	0
The Nursing Staff of Glasgow Royal Infirmary Transferred from Original Florence Nightingale Appeal, I.C.N. (1914)	35	0	0
	18	10	11
	£100	14	5

ETHEL G. FENWICK,
President.

In presenting the Report from the Sub-Committee the President called the attention of the Meeting to two items: (1) That the Annual Meeting had empowered expenditure for a Scholarship if advisable, and £250 from the £644 in hand had been granted for this purpose for the year 1934—1935.

Altogether since the Appeal for Scholarships had been issued in December, 1932, the Nurses of Great Britain had subscribed upwards of £2,700, of which £2,250 had already been allotted. (2) The Sub-Committee recommended that a Day of Remembrance of Florence Nightingale be adopted by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

The proposal to adopt a Day of Remembrance was unanimously approved—the details to be further considered and placed on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting in November.

The Report was adopted.

It was reported that £175 12s. 10d. had been received in annual subscriptions—seven Societies not having yet paid. The bulk of subscriptions merely pass through the National

Office on its way to Geneva, due to the Funds of the International Council of Nurses.

Congratulations to the Canadian Nurses on its Silver Jubilee.

The President moved from the Chair:—

"That congratulations be conveyed from the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to the Canadian Nurses' Association, upon the celebration of its Silver Jubilee in Toronto in June next."

This was unanimously agreed.

Mrs. Fenwick reported that she had received a letter from Miss Florence Emory, President, Canadian Nurses' Association, saying they would be honoured to have with them on this occasion a representative of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and "we could give the best hospitality known to Canadians during the Meeting, June 28th to 30th."

The President reported that she had approached their Senior Vice-President, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., and asked if it would be possible for her to undertake the mission at her own expense, and this Miss Cochrane would be happy to do with the consent of the Committee. The President therefore proposed, and it was agreed, that Miss Cochrane be invited to attend the Silver Jubilee at Toronto. Miss Cochrane expressed pleasure and thanks and Miss Cox-Davies thanked Miss Cochrane for her generosity in paying her own expenses to Canada. It was further agreed that an Address of Congratulation and Birthday Greetings be sent from the National Council of Great Britain to the Silver Jubilee Gathering in Canada, which Miss Cochrane would present, and that she be invited to present (1) a "Nightingale Brick" from 10, South Street, London, Miss Nightingale's last home, and (2) a very beautiful portrait bronze Bust of Queen Victoria (eight inches high) by the late Sir Joseph Edgar Boehm, Bart., R.A., 1834—1890, who was tutor-sculptor to H.R.H. Princess Louise. The Bust, which was on view, is an exquisite work of great artistic merit from personal sittings given to Sir J. E. Boehm, presenting the Queen in her widow's cap, and is a striking likeness.

This gift has been specially selected to commemorate the signal honour conferred upon the Canadian Nurses delegation to London in 1909 by King Edward VII, when their founder and President, Agnes Mary Snively, was permitted to place a wreath on Queen Victoria's marble tomb in the Mausoleum at Frogmore.

Correspondence With Miss Reimann.

The President reported correspondence with Miss Reimann, Elected Secretary I.C.N.

1. That letters of acceptance had been received from the majority of the Presidents of Member Associations consenting to act on the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N.

2. The Convention concerning Night Work for Women, adopted by the International Labour Conference at Washington, had been held to apply only to women manual workers. It was now found to apply to Nurses in charge of or working in hospitals attached to industrial undertakings, in first aid posts, rest rooms, convalescent homes, holiday homes, and any kind of welfare work connected with industrial concerns including work for infants and children. A great number of women's international and national organisations are opposed to the inclusion of Nurses and a memorandum has been drawn up which the I.C.N. has been asked to sign. This the President had empowered Miss Reimann to do for the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, as any such labour legislation would be restrictive and disastrous where Nursing organisation was concerned.

It was agreed to await a copy of the proposed Questionnaire on Health Statistics of Nurses before supplying a list of institutions for enquiry. This questionnaire had been promised at an early date by Miss Reimann.

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