

the International Nursing Courses given in London with the co-operation of Bedford College for Women, the College of Nursing and the British Red Cross Society, terminated in July, 1933. As you are aware, it is contemplated that these Courses should continue in future years under the responsibility of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. In the meantime, a Provisional Committee consisting of three nominees of the International Council of Nurses (Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss A. Lloyd Still and Miss E. M. Musson) and three nominees of the League of Red Cross Societies (Sir Arthur Stanley, Mr. Ernest J. Swift and Mrs. Maynard Carter) has taken charge of the arrangements for the 1933-34 Courses; and the members of this Committee have also been authorized to take the requisite steps to bring the Foundation into existence at the earliest convenient moment.

A meeting of this Committee, held in London, on October 6th, 1933, took under consideration the question of the steps to be taken and decided:

- (1) to prepare a draft of statutes for the proposed Foundation;
- (2) to fix provisionally a date in July, 1934, for the constituent meeting in London at which the Foundation will officially be brought into being;
- (3) to request the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies to inform their respective national members of this action.

It is proposed that invitations to attend the Constituent Meeting shall be addressed to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees of all the countries where such Committees have been constituted up to May 1st, 1934. Already Committees have been constituted in several countries.

In view of the widespread interest which has been evinced in the Florence Nightingale Foundation Scheme, we greatly hope that your Association will find it possible, in co-operation with the National Red Cross Society of your country, to which the League of Red Cross Societies is addressing a similar request, to proceed in the near future to the constitution of a National Committee. If such a Committee is formed, it will be a matter of deep satisfaction to welcome its delegates at the meeting to be convened next July for the purpose of bringing the Foundation into being and of adopting the Draft Statutes.

We are extremely anxious to see National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees formed in all countries as soon as possible since the scheme relies upon these Committees to raise the necessary funds for the Foundation's work, and also to recommend suitable students. It is obvious that under existing world conditions it is not an appropriate moment to appeal to the public to provide the large capital fund which will eventually be necessary in order to place the Foundation upon a permanent basis; but in the meantime a sum will be required annually sufficient to provide the minimum of twenty scholarships for the International Nursing Courses and so ensure the continuity of the work.

We venture, therefore, to express the hope that your Association will be willing to take the necessary steps to establish a National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee in your country in the near future, and will also use its influence to induce such a Committee, when constituted, to make a serious effort to raise funds for the use of the Foundation, covering the academic year 1934-35. If each National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee will raise, during the next few months, at least one unit of £250 for this purpose (and recommend a suitable candidate for the scholarship which this sum will make available), the Foundation will be satisfactorily inaugurated.

We are,

Yours sincerely,

A. LLOYD STILL.

President, I.C.N.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

Chairman, Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N.

The President reminded the meeting that in 1932 during the very successful Nightingale Week, held in London, a National Florence Nightingale Committee for Great Britain had been inaugurated at St. Thomas's Hospital, on July 6th, but awaiting the consideration of the International Council of Nurses, and its decision to participate

in the Scheme for a Florence Nightingale International Foundation—no public Appeal in its support had yet been made.

The letter read now invited the co-operation of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain with the British Red Cross Society, in establishing a National Florence Nightingale Committee for Great Britain, and she advised that the invitation be accepted.

It was proposed by Mrs. Royce, President, College of Nursing, seconded by Miss A. M. Bushby, Vice-President British College of Nurses, that a reply be sent to the I.C.N. Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee stating that the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain would be pleased to co-operate with the British Red Cross Society in establishing a National Florence Nightingale Committee for Great Britain. When put to the Meeting this resolution was unanimously agreed.

The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee.

The President suggested that as the Council had power to elect Standing Committees a "Florence Nightingale Scholarships Committee" to deal with the business in connection with this special work should be appointed.

After discussion, on the proposal of Miss E. M. Musson, seconded by Miss J. C. Cowie, it was agreed that a Standing Committee be formed to be called the "Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee" consisting of the three Hon. Officers, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Breay and Miss S. Villiers, J.P., *ex-officio*, and nine members who were elected as follows:

Miss A. Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C., Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C. LL.D., Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., Miss A. M. Bushby, Miss G. M. Littleboy, A.R.R.C., Miss M. G. Allbutt, Miss M. S. Cochrane, R.R.C., Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., and Miss J. C. Cowie.

Nightingale Day of Remembrance.

The President reminded the Meeting that at its last Annual Meeting, November 1932, a Resolution was agreed to be sent forward for consideration by the International Council of Nurses, in the following terms:

"That the International Council of Nurses be invited to adopt a date as 'Florence Nightingale Day,' when the Nurses of the World may express gratitude for their association with her genius."

By some omission this resolution was not placed on the Agenda and was not considered. She recommended that it should receive further consideration as every nurse would wish to take an honourable part in this Movement. It was agreed that this matter be referred to the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee for consideration and report.

It was agreed that the allocation of the surplus Donations to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund should be left to the discretion of the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee, as appeared advisable.

The Report of the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Sub-Committee was adopted.

The President expressed the sincere gratitude of the Council to Miss Littleboy, Chairman, and the Members of the Appeal Sub-Committee, on the termination of their very successful work, and to all the very generous subscribers who had given evidence of their appreciation of the unique work of Miss Nightingale for Nursing and higher standards of health; thus inspiring their colleagues in other lands to co-operate with them in support of an International Memorial worthy of one of the most eminent of women.

It was essential that the world's Nurses should take a prominent and intelligent part in the organisation of the Nightingale Foundation if it were to realise the aspirations of its promoters for the health and happiness of mankind.

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