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## EDITORIAL.

### THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation which took place at 15, Manchester Square, London, on July 5th will remain for ever a Red Letter Day in the memories of those privileged to take part in it.

Over twenty years have elapsed since Miss Nightingale's passing, and still, deep in the hearts of Nurses is the desire to found a Memorial to her, which shall express somewhat of their appreciation of, and pride in, the great Founder of Modern Nursing, and their indebtedness to her teaching.

Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the British Red Cross Society, presided, and in welcoming the assembled Delegates most heartily, read cables of regret and good wishes from Japanese and Chinese Delegates unable to be present.

#### Cordial Good Wishes from Her Majesty the Queen.

The Chairman then said he was privileged to announce the reception of the following telegram from Her Majesty the Queen, addressed to Dame Alicia Lloyd Still :—

I AM INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE IS BEING INAUGURATED TO-DAY, AND I AM GLAD TO KNOW THAT IT IS TO TAKE AN EDUCATIONAL FORM, AS THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE COMMENDED ITSELF TO MISS NIGHTINGALE WHO HAD SO MUCH AT HEART THE EDUCATION OF NURSES AND THE TRAINING OF A GREAT NURSING SERVICE, NOT ONLY IN THIS COUNTRY BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE DELEGATES FROM FOREIGN LANDS AND FROM THE BRITISH DOMINIONS WHO HAVE ASSEMBLED IN LONDON FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE MEMORIAL. I SHALL FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH INTEREST, AND I SEND ONE AND ALL CONCERNED MY CORDIAL GOOD WISHES.

MARY R.

The cordial good wishes of Queen Mary were received with evident pleasure and loud applause by the assembled Delegates and Her Majesty's most gracious message has, of course, been suitably acknowledged.

As we go to press just as the inaugural meetings of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation are being held, our report of the proceedings will be published in our August issue. We may, however, state that Delegates were present from Great Britain, France, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Belgium, the Irish Free State, Switzerland, Italy, India, South Africa and the United States of America.

#### Officers of the Foundation Elected.

The following were elected as the officers of the Foundation :—

*President.*—Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C., President,

International Council of Nurses, Superintendent of the Nightingale Training School, St. Thomas's Hospital.

*Hon. Presidents.*—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder, International Council of Nurses, Chairman, Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of the I.C.N.

Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, M.A., First Professor of Nursing and Health, Teachers' College, Columbia University, U.S.A.

*Vice Presidents.*—Mme. Celmins, President, Latvian Red Cross Nurses' Association.

Mlle. Chaptal, President, National Association of Trained Nurses of France.

Mrs. Draper, American Red Cross Society.

Miss Annie W. Goodrich, Sc.D., M.A., Dean, Yale University School of Nursing, U.S.A., 1918-1934.

Miss Jean Gunn, Superintendent of Nurses, Toronto General Hospital, Canada.

Miss Hagiwara, Directress, Nursing Service, Japanese Red Cross.

Mlle. d'Haussonville—Vice-President, French Red Cross (S.S.B.M.).

Mlle. Hellemans, President, Federation of Belgian Nurses.

Miss M. Huxley, M.A., Founder Councillor, International Council of Nurses, National Council of Trained Nurses of the Irish Free State.

Miss Bergljot Larsson, President, Norwegian Nurses' Association.

Dr. Alice Masarykova, President, Czechoslovakian Red Cross.

Mlle. Odier, Member of the International Red Cross Committee, Switzerland.

Miss Venny Snellman, President, National Council of Nurses of Finland.

Marchesa di Targiani Giunti, Directress of the Nursing Services, Italian Red Cross.

*Treasurer.*—The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., Treasurer, St. Thomas's Hospital, President, British Red Cross Society.

This memorable and epoch-making meeting is of the very greatest interest to the whole Nursing Profession throughout the world, and will, in the future, we feel sure, be realised as the beginning of a new era in the appreciation of Miss Nightingale's personality and teaching.

#### THE RECEPTION.

After the Meeting a Reception was held, at which the Delegates and friends of the movement were most courteously entertained by the International Students in residence, whose year of earnest study is at an end, and who have earned their Certificates with distinction.

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