

THE NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The first meeting of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain was held in the Nightingale Nurses' Home, at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, S.E., on June 14th, at 3 p.m. The President (Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire) was in the chair, supported by the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, Chairman of the British Red Cross Society and Treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital; Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain; and Sir George Newman, K.C.B., F.R.C.P., Chief Medical Officer of the Board of Education and of the Ministry of Health.

The members of the Committee present included, in addition to those above-mentioned, Mary, Countess of Minto, Dame Sarah Swift and Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Vice-Presidents; the Duchess of Abercorn; the Hon. Mrs. Clive Behrens; Miss G. M. Bulman (Matron, Royal Free Hospital); Miss A. M. Bushby (Vice-President, British College of Nurses); Mr. W. H. Bonham Carter; Dr. J. S. Collier (Royal College of Physicians); Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crosfield of Embley Park; Miss Helen Dey (Matron, St. Bartholomew's Hospital); Lt.-Gen. Sir Harold Fawcus, Director-General, British Red Cross Society; Miss Goodall (College of Nursing); Miss H. Hanks (Matron, St. George's Hospital); Mary, Viscountess Harcourt; the Countess of Kenmare; Miss G. M. Littleboy (Matron, London Hospital); Dame Maud McCarthy; Miss Isabel Macdonald (Royal British Nurses' Association); Miss D. M. Martin (Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.); Mr. E. W. G. Masterman (British Medical Association); Miss M. G. Milne (Principal Matron, L.C.C.); Mr. R. Montgomery (High Commissioner for India); Miss E. M. Musson (Chairman, General Nursing Council for England and Wales); Miss Osborne (Matron-in-Chief, T.A.N.S.); Miss Rosalind Paget; Mrs. William Pendarves; Miss Proctor (King's College, London); Miss E. M. Pye (President, Midwives' Institute); Miss Renwick (Head Sister-in-Chief, Q.A.R.N.N.S.); the Lady Riddell; Miss Parsons (Director of Education Department, College of Nursing); Dame Ann Beadsmore Smith; Miss D. M. Smith (Lady Superintendent, Middlesex Hospital); Miss E. Smith (Matron, Westminster Hospital); Miss M. E. Sparshott (College of Nursing); Sir Edward Stewart; Dame Margaret Tuke; Dr. G. de Bec Turtle (Royal Society of Medicine); Miss Watt (Matron-in-Chief, P.M.R.A.F.N.S.) and Miss M. A. Willcox (Sister Matron, King's College Hospital).



HER GRACE THE DUCHESS OF DEVONSHIRE,
President, The National Florence Nightingale
Memorial Committee of Great Britain.

The President, in opening the meeting, said it had been a matter of deep regret to her that she was unable to attend the inaugural meeting, and it was therefore all the greater pleasure to her to attend on the present occasion.

The whole scheme of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Foundation was a fine conception, which she was sure had only to be better known to receive wholehearted support. She was especially glad to support it, as coming from Derbyshire, Miss Nightingale's own county. Its international character was of great value. It was splendid that the students should be drawn from so many countries, and return to them taking back what they had learned during their post-graduate course, and apply this to their special needs. It was wonderful how much

people took the efficiency of nurses for granted, but they did not always realise the cost of education. This scheme for the higher training of nurses would bring home to the public that they cannot have the most highly skilled nurses unless they support their professional education financially. She hoped to learn much concerning the proposals for the development of the present scheme during the meeting.

PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME REPORTED.

Progress from the point of view of the National Council of Nurses and the International Council of Nurses.

Her Grace The Duchess of Devonshire invited Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to report progress from the point of view of the National Council of Nurses and the International Council of Nurses.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick then presented the following Report:

Madam President, Your Grace—

I have been invited to report the action and progress of the National and International Councils of Nurses since our Inaugural Meeting in July, 1932, in support of the proposed Florence Nightingale International Foundation. This will be more clearly apparent if we recall the fact that in the year 1912 the proposal to institute an appropriate educational memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale was put forth and adopted by the International Council of Nurses at its Meeting at Cologne of that year.

In 1914 the next gesture in support of the memorial was made when as representatives of the I.C.N. Miss Lavinia Dock, its Hon. Secretary, and myself were received by Miss Tuke, the Principal of Bedford College for Women, when we discussed with her the possibility of promoting a Chair of Nursing and Health, a proposal sympathetically

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