

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

### THE INAUGURAL MEETING.

The Inaugural Meeting of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation was held on July 5th at 3 p.m., at 15, Manchester Square, London, W., the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., LL.D., was in the Chair.

Delegates attended from the International Council of Nurses, the League of Red Cross Societies, and the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees.

#### Official Delegates to the Grand Council, Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

##### INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., S.R.N., President, International Council of Nurses.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, S.R.N., Chairman, Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, I.C.N., President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Miss Bergljot Larsson, President, Norwegian Nurses' Association.

##### LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

Mlle. Lucie Odier, International Red Cross Committee, Marchesa di Targiani Giunti, Directress of Nursing Service, Italian Red Cross.

Mr. Ernest J. Swift, Secretary-General, League of Red Cross Societies.

Mrs. A. Cecil Carter, A.R.R.C., S.R.N., Chief, Division of Nursing, League of Red Cross Societies.

##### NATIONAL FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE MEMORIAL COMMITTEES.

*Belgium.* Mr. Dronsart, Director-General, Belgian Red Cross.

*Denmark.* Miss Eli Magnussen, Director, School of Nursing, University Hospital of Denmark (Rigshospital).

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

Miss Maj-lis Edgren, Directrice, State School of Finland, Abo, Finland.

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

Mlle. Lefebvre, National Association of Trained Nurses of France.

*Great Britain.* Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., Chairman, National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain.

Miss Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., S.R.N., National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain.

*Irish Free State.* Miss Alice Reeves, R.G.N. President, National Council of Nurses of the Irish Free State.

Miss Grenham, S.R.N., Member, National Council of Nurses of Irish Free State.

*India.* Sir David Petrie, C.I.E., C.V.O., C.B.E., M.A., President, Indian Red Cross Society (unable to attend).

Miss Abram, President, Trained Nurses' Association of India.

*Netherlands.* Baroness van Hogendorp, President, National Council of Nurses of the Netherlands.

Miss Boeye, Matron, University Hospital, Groningen, Member, National Council of Nurses of the Netherlands.

*Norway.* Miss Bergljot Larsson, President, Norwegian Nurses' Association.

*South Africa.* Dr. Oreinstein, President, South African Red Cross Society.

*Sweden.* Miss Karin Elfverson, Secretary, National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for Sweden.

Miss Lisa Elander, National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for Sweden.

#### Invited to Attend.

There were also invited to attend:

*United States.* Miss Mary M. Roberts, American Nurses' Association.

Mrs. de Wolf Clark, American Red Cross Society.

*Canada.* Miss C. Trethewey, Canadian Nurses' Association.

*League of Red Cross Societies.* Lieut.-Colonel Draudt, Vice-President, German Red Cross, Vice-President, Board of Governors, League of Red Cross Societies.

Mr. L. De Gielgud, Under Secretary-General, League of Red Cross Societies.

*International Council of Nurses.* Princess Anna Schwarzenberg, Executive Secretary.

*British Red Cross Society.* Sir Edward Stewart, K.B.E., M.D., M.R.C.P. Deputy-Chairman, Executive Committee.

Lieut.-General Sir Harold B. Fawcus, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., D.C.L., M.D., Director-General.

Dame Sarah Swift, G.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Red Cross Nursing Services.

*National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.* Miss Cochrane, R.R.C., S.R.N., First Vice-President.

Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

*Bedford College for Women.* Miss G. E. M. Jebb, M.A. Cantab, Principal.

*College of Nursing.* Miss Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., President.

#### Welcome of Delegates by the Chairman.

Sir Arthur Stanley, in opening the meeting, read cables received from the Japanese and Chinese Red Cross Societies expressing good wishes for the success of the Foundation. He then said that it was his pleasant duty as Chairman to welcome the assembled Delegates, which he did most heartily.

#### Telegram from The Queen.

The Chairman then read 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 telegram was received with pleasure and applause.

#### Business of the Meeting.

The Chairman then said that the original idea of the establishment of an International Memorial to Florence Nightingale of an educational character had taken form in the mind of the International Council of Nurses many years ago, and was revived in 1929.

Such a Course had practically been carried out in London at Bedford College since 1920, by the League of Red Cross Societies, which (in 1931) announced its intention of discontinuing the Course owing to financial reasons, and a small Committee was formed by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and the British Red Cross Society to confer as to the possibility of carrying on the good work as a Memorial to Miss Nightingale. The result of these deliberations was the proposal before the meeting

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