

was held on Friday, March 22nd, 1935, at 39, Portland Place, London, W., at 3 p.m.

There were present Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President, in the Chair, Miss E. M. Musson, Miss A. M. Bushby, and Miss M. S. Cochrane, Vice-Presidents; Miss Allbutt, Miss Cowie, Miss Littleboy, Miss Macaulay, Directors; and Miss S. Villiers, Hon. Secretary.

It was reported that owing to the issue of numerous Jubilee stamps this year, the issue of the Florence Nightingale stamp had not been proceeded with, and it was suggested that instead of issuing a Florence Nightingale Calendar, an Anthology should be compiled which, once published, would have a continuous sale; to compile such a work would require historical research and literary skill.

Agenda.

The Advisory Committee was summoned to consider Applications for the Nightingale Scholarship.

The President reported that there had been seven requests for Forms of Application, and four Forms had been filled in and returned.

Those applicants to whom Forms had not been sent were

1. Miss Frances E. Jackson, of Guy's Hospital, the Nurses' League of which is not affiliated to the National Council, who was advised to apply to the British Red Cross Society;
2. Miss Mary Harris, of the Maternity Home, Watford, who stated that she did not belong either to the National Council of Nurses or the College of Nursing;
3. Miss Mary E. Flambert, from St. Thomas's Hospital, whose letter for an Application Form was received too late for consideration;
4. Miss Annie Cook, Jubilee Nurses' Home, Hull, who withdrew.

Three candidates whose applications were in order attended the Committee, and were severally interviewed.

1. Miss Kathleen Marion Whitsed, age 28. *Certificates*: Royal Infirmary, Leicester, four years, Central Midwives Board. Educated High School, Peterborough; the Hoffacher Volkshule, Zurich. Speaks French and German. Assistant Sister Tutor, and Ward Sister, Royal Infirmary, Leicester, present time. Recommended highly by Miss M. F. Hughes, Matron, and members of medical staff.

2. Miss Josephine Gavin Thompson, age 32. *Certificates*: University College Hospital, Central Midwives Board, Lady Housekeeper's Diploma. Educated Secondary High School, St. Andrew's, Fife. Ward Sister and Assistant Sister Tutor, University College Hospital. Speaks French. Recommended by Miss R. Darbyshire, Matron, and medical staff.

3. Miss Charlotte Geddes Tressider, age 40. *Certificates*: The London Hospital, E., Central Midwives Board. Educated High School, Falmouth, Cornwall. Superintendent, St. Olave's District Nursing Association, Bermondsey, S.E. Recommended by Miss Wilmshurst.

After due consideration, the Committee voted by ballot, and Miss K. M. Whitsed was elected by six votes to three.

Miss Whitsed was then informed personally that she had been nominated for the Scholarship, and she expressed her thanks to the Committee.

As the grant of a Scholarship of £250 had been sanctioned at the Meeting of the Grand Council in November, 1934, Miss E. M. Musson proposed and Miss M. S. Cochrane seconded, the following Resolution:

"That a Scholarship of £250 be awarded to the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, and that a student be nominated for the Course at Bedford College for the Session 1935-1936.

The Resolution was agreed.

A second Resolution was proposed by Miss Macaulay and seconded by Miss Cowie, viz.:

"That the Treasurer be empowered to draw a cheque for £250 for the Scholarship awarded for 1935-1936."

The Resolution was agreed.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick proposed that a Recommendation be made to the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses, that a contribution be allocated to overhead charges in excess to the Scholarship, if this should become necessary during the appeal for an Endowment Fund for the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

This was agreed.

This Report is respectfully submitted.

On the proposal of Miss M. S. Cochrane, seconded by Miss E. S. Innes, the Report was received.

The Chairman read letters from Miss M. F. Hughes, Miss Kathleen Whitsed, and Miss Mary E. Flambert. She then moved the following Resolution:—

"The Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee be requested to draft Recommendations for the grant of Florence Nightingale Scholarships for the consideration of the Meeting of the Executive Committee in October next."

In support of the Resolution, the Chairman pointed out that at present there were no definite rules governing the award of the National Council's Scholarships, and as such awards were becoming increasingly valuable, she thought it desirable that rules and regulations should be framed, so that applicants might attain the standards required, and the Committee have definite guidance in the award of the Scholarships. She urged that the National Council of Nurses should take an active financial interest in the endowment of Scholarships. So far the Nurses in the Council had, with the utmost generosity, already awarded six scholarships costing £1,500. She hoped that for the future all organisations affiliated in the National Council would unite to send their donations directly through their own professional National body, so that it might be privileged to nominate a scholar annually. This could be done through the observance of Florence Nightingale Thanksgiving Day.

The Florence Nightingale International Foundation provides that Scholarships for the Courses of Education offered at Bedford College should be nominated through the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees.

A meeting of the National Committee of Great Britain was summoned for the purpose at 14, Grosvenor Crescent, on Thursday, April 11th, 1935, when the nomination of the National Council of Nurses was presented and approved. This is somewhat irregular, but was rendered necessary this year as applications are considered by the Bedford College Committee early in May. Should the Resolution on the Agenda be approved, regulations can be drafted enabling our nomination to come up for confirmation by the Executive Committee, before being presented to the National Memorial Committee, together with rules for applicants and elections, which at present have never been defined.

Miss E. M. Musson expressed approval of the Resolution.

On the proposition of Miss Isabel Macdonald, seconded by Miss E. L. Macaulay, the Report was unanimously adopted, and the Resolution approved.

REPORT OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER THE APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION OF THE LEAGUE OF MENTAL HOSPITAL NURSES.

The next business was to receive the Report of the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the application for affiliation of the League of Mental Hospital Nurses.

The Chairman presented the following Report:—

At the last meeting of the Executive Committee, held on October 26th, 1934, a sub-committee, consisting of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, Miss E. M. Musson, Miss R. E. Darbyshire, and Miss E. L. Macaulay, and the three hon. officers, was appointed to consider the application for affiliation from the League of Mental Hospital Nurses and to make recommendations as may appear advisable.

A meeting of the Sub-Committee took place on Friday, November 2nd, 1934, at 39, Portland Place, London, W.1, at which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President) was in the chair, and Miss E. M. Musson, Miss M. Breay, Miss R. E. Darbyshire, and Miss E. L. Macaulay attended; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still and Miss S. A. Villiers were unable to be present.

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