

and estimated that as the scholarships at £250 per scholar were not sufficient to meet expenses, the total cost per scholar being over £290, it was necessary, in addition to the present balance in hand to be assured of another £800 to meet the necessary expenditure of the year now coming. He therefore advocated concentrating during the ensuing year on the Maintenance rather than the Endowment Fund.

Mr. Ernest J. Swift, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, expressed the opinion that it might be good for the ensuing year to concentrate on the Maintenance Fund, but it would be bad finance permanently. The work of the Foundation should be to obtain an Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick agreed with the Treasurer that it was important for the coming year to concentrate on the Maintenance Fund. The nurses had contributed generously to the appeal for the Foundation but there had not been a superabundance of interest in Florence Nightingale on the part of the public. She said that the Florence Nightingale Advisory Committee of the National Council of Great Britain had taken power to add a sum towards the Maintenance Fund and would, she was sure, be prepared to give £50 for this purpose.

Miss Alexander, South Africa, and Mrs. Watts, India, both considered that their respective countries could not raise a scholarship of more than £250 and pointed out that the distant countries had to expend a considerable amount on the passages to London of their students.

Mrs. Kinnicot Draper, U.S.A., Vice-President, announced a gift from that country of 7,318 dollars 30 cents., the equivalent of £1,500, to the Endowment Fund. She hoped there would be more to come.

On the proposition of Sir Arthur Stanley it was agreed to concentrate for the ensuing year on the support of the Maintenance Fund; he said further, that while hoping that every effort would be made to this end that he would dispel any gloom on the question of finance by guaranteeing that the balance of the £800 required, if any, should be forthcoming.

The Report of the Committee of Management, including that of the Hon. Treasurer, was then adopted.

The next item on the Agenda, to receive Recommendations from the Committee of Management (relating to the Draft Bye-laws of the Foundation and the Incorporation of the Foundation) was deferred till July 3rd.

Miss Susan Francis, President of the American Nurses Association, then presented a Resolution from the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of America (1) recommending that the goal of the Foundation should be the establishment of a Chair of Nursing Education and a Faculty of Nursing in the University of London (2) expressing the view that it is essential that the courses offered should be made wider than the present courses available in the countries from which the students come, otherwise there will be little incentive for prospective students to assume the necessary financial outlay. It is also believed that the Foundation should offer courses which all countries can look upon as greatly in advance of existing facilities in the various countries, and (3) it is further recommended that with the establishment of a Chair of Nursing, the appointee to the Chair should be a nurse with the necessary academic and professional qualifications, and she should also become a director of the educational programme.

Further that the Foundation arrange for a definite study of the type of courses required by the different countries participating.

Miss Musson thought that the first essential was to make a definite study of the type of courses required. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said it was already agreed that there should be a study of facilities for Nursing Education both

academic and professional, but that this investigation was restricted to London only.

Mrs. Fenwick also reminded the Meeting that a resolution was proposed by Miss Elnora Thomson and agreed at the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Paris in 1933 providing for a comprehensive Survey and that this would be considered at the forthcoming Meeting of the Board of Directors at Geneva.

Miss Annette Pade (Denmark), Miss A.M. Krohn (Finland), Mlle. d'Haussonville (France), Sir Arthur Stanley (Great Britain), Mrs. Watts (India), Miss Alice Reeves (Irish Free State), Miss Mirza Veilands (Latvia), Miss Berg Domaas (Norway), Miss Alexander (South Africa), Miss Rignall (Sweden), Miss Susan Francis (U.S.A.), and Miss Jean Gunn (Canada) spoke respectively from the points of view of the countries they represented.

The Meeting then adjourned until the following morning.

JULY 3RD.

The Meeting of the Grand Council re-assembled in the Grand Committee Room at St. Thomas's Hospital on the morning of July 3rd, when the Draft Bye-laws of the Foundation were considered, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still presiding.

The Draft Bye-laws of the Foundation were carefully considered *seriatim*, and, with amendments agreed, were referred back to the Committee of Management for further consideration after the Solicitor had put the amendments into legal phraseology.

It was agreed to defer the Incorporation of the Foundation as Limited Company.

LETTER FROM MISS JEAN GUNN.

A letter from Miss Jean Gunn, embodying certain suggestions and recommendations concerning the organisation of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation was received. Its purport, which was much the same as the Resolution from the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of America presented by Miss Francis, is fully reported in the Report of the Education Committee which was next considered and approved.

The Meeting then terminated, and on the kind invitation of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, President, those present proceeded to lunch in the Nightingale Home.

CONTRIBUTION FROM THE CHAPEL COLLECTION, AT ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL, TO THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still has informed the President of the National Council of Nurses that £50 will be the contribution to the Scholarships Fund from the Chapel collection at St. Thomas's Hospital at the Nightingale Memorial Service on May 12th.

This generous support by the Nightingale Fellowship makes it possible for the Council to contribute the full cost of a Nightingale Scholarship £250, and an additional £50 to the maintenance fund necessary until £40,000 has been invested for overhead charges.

Power was taken at the Annual Meeting of the National Council of Nurses in November to make this gift if Thanksgiving Day produced the means, and we feel sure all contributors will consider it advisable to spend generously at the present time, when the Foundation needs active support.

We are fully convinced that so great a cause will, in the future, receive all the financial support it requires, so now is the time for an extra gift.

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