

of Nursing on "The Preparation of the Nurse for Community Service" were much appreciated, and she generously donated the £20 surplus for the sale of tickets to the Nightingale Foundation.

The Second Ordinary General Meeting of the Grand Council met at St. Thomas's Hospital on July 2nd and 3rd, 1935; Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, R.R.C., the President, was in the Chair. It was a well-attended and very representative meeting, official Delegates of the three component parts of the Council—the International Council of Nurses, the League of Red Cross Societies, and the National Memorial Committees—were present. A full report of the transactions appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING in the July issue, which has been republished in various countries, and thus helped to give publicity to the progress already accomplished.

On the completion of their year's tuition the 21 students of the Courses for 1934-1935 received their Certificates at Bedford College on July 4th, presented by Miss Goodrich, when she delivered the principal Address, at which her opening words were: "I deem it a great privilege to address you to-day, the first students to receive Certificates through the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, for it is my profound conviction that it is an occasion of great and epochal significance." Her closing words were an inspiration to every student: "In a very full sense, my young colleagues, you are pioneers in a field of activity of immeasurable importance to mankind. Your presence here leaves no question as to the sincerity of your purpose or your vision. What each will achieve we do not know, but we believe in the words of His Grace, the King of this country, who has united us in a great objective, that you will 'gather up the treasures of the past in carefully preparing the path for the future,' for you have sought and found a path that leads to the good life, which is indeed the only satisfying life."

Miss D. M. Dickinson, our National Council Scholar, did brilliantly in the Examinations and won "Distinction in the Whole Course." She also gained the Health Visitor's Certificate from the Ministry of Health.

The new group of students, 19 in number, for 1935-1936, are now in residence at Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, and the student to whom the National Council awarded a Scholarship, Miss Kathleen Whitsed, will, we hope, have a happy and successful year and reflect credit upon our choice.

#### List of Students. Session 1935-36.

##### *Course for Nurse Administrators and Teachers in Schools of Nursing.*

Marjory Whittle Astley—New Zealand.  
 Sybil C. Bovill—Great Britain.  
 Kerstin Bratt—Sweden.  
 Yvonne Heutsch—Switzerland.  
 Gladys Holden—Canada.  
 Kazimiers Laurinaviciute—Lithuania.  
 Josephine Manuel—India.  
 Bogdana Michalska—Bulgaria.  
 Agnes C. Neill—Canada.  
 Irza I. Pohjala—Finland.  
 Mabel Reynolds—Great Britain.  
 Kathleen Scrymgour—Australia.  
 Gladys J. Sharpe—Canada.  
 Josephine G. Thompson—Great Britain.  
 Kathleen Whitsed—Great Britain.

##### *Course in Public Health.*

Irene M. Abelgas—Philippine Islands.  
 Elizabeth Ruth Bridges—New Zealand.  
 Virginia Dunbar—United States of America.  
 Mary E. Flambert—Great Britain.

#### Special Students.

##### *Course as Hospital Almoners.*

Miss Krohn—Finland.

Miss Veilands—Latvia.

Miss Olive Baggallay, the Secretary of the Foundation, was granted six weeks' leave of absence to accompany Miss Goodrich on a Study Tour in Europe financed by the Rockefeller Foundation from 12th July to 29th August, when they visited twelve nursing centres at Geneva, Prague, Warsaw, Kaunas, Riga, Tartu, Helsinki, Stockholm, Oslo, Copenhagen, Brussels and Paris, where information was sought in each country on the present position of nursing education and conditions.

An interesting Report of their observations has been circulated, in which the opinion is expressed that the tour has given an impetus to the various National Florence Nightingale Committees.

The proposed investigation by four experts, including Miss Kathleen Russell from Canada, into nursing educational facilities in London, is awaiting financial support which it is hoped to secure. This should inspire later thorough investigation into collegiate and university facilities in nursing education now in operation in U.S.A. and elsewhere. We must keep in mind that nursing education is not part of national educational systems, such as law, medicine and divinity. Nursing will not achieve its desired contribution to the countries of the world until it is definitely connected with the educational system as expressed in their universities.

We have to keep in mind that this great international scheme needs liberal financial support, the generosity of the nurses has been phenomenal during the past three years, they are evidently eager to promote the erection of a glorious Memorial to their Leader, and must not hesitate to press forward in attaining educational advancement to meet the rapid demands of modern science and the needs of humanity. But the public require educating and convincing of the value of such teaching in relation to the sciences of human life and as a practical demonstration of world peace, and it is our duty to awake their interest in progressive methods of nursing education, the possibilities of which are illimitable.

Our Council has been given direct representation on the Committee of Management of the Foundation, and it is our duty to exert every effort to promote its efficiency and success.

#### The International Council of Nurses.

*Business transacted at the Meeting of the Board of Directors, July 10th to 12th, 1935.*

The Meeting of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. was held at Headquarters, Geneva, from July 10th to 12th, 1935.

The President, Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, was in the Chair.

There were present from Great Britain, the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Founder, and President, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and Miss E. M. Musson, Treasurer.

Other countries represented were U.S.A., Miss Susan C. Francis and Miss A. W. Goodrich; Germany, Frau Oberin Blunck; Canada, Miss Jean Gunn (proxy); Denmark, Miss E. Hornemann (proxy); Holland, Baroness L. van Hogendorp; India, Miss D. Chadwick (proxy); Norway Sister Bergljot Larsson; South Africa, Miss B. G. Alexander; France, Mlle. Chaptal; Austria, Frau Oberin Pieticker.

The Board held seven sittings.

At the Opening Meeting the Report from the Committee appointed in Paris in 1933 on Reorganisation of Headquarters, which included the drafting of Regulations for the office of an Executive Secretary, was presented, and after discussion was adopted.

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