

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

During the past month the various Committees conducting the responsible work of the Foundation have met and given earnest consideration to matters of educational importance. Investigation will be the next step, and for that purpose experts, both professional and academic, will be associated. Our Canadian and American colleagues have for several years past devoted earnest study to nursing education, and presented valuable reports, and through the Foundation the nurses of the world will unite to evolve a sound practical and progressive scheme of nursing evolution—with the help of academic experts. What a vista of highly skilled service to mankind such unity of purpose predicts.

Miss Elnora Thomson's resolution adopted by the I.C.N. in Paris in 1933 covers a wide field of investigation, and will no doubt be put in force by the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The Resolution stands as follows:—

RESOLUTION.

"That the existing Florence Nightingale Committee of the International Council of Nurses should be asked to make a study of all matters involved and set up a comprehensive educational programme which will include research on nursing, for a memorial, and that the study cover the following points: direction, organisation, curricula, finances, etc., and further that the Committee be asked to submit a report to member countries in time for action by them in advance of the next I.C.N. meeting."

MISS ANNIE W. GOODRICH, R.N., Sc.D., M.A.

We report with the sincerest pleasure that Miss Annie W. Goodrich has accepted the invitation to give the Address to the Florence Nightingale Students, at Bedford College, in July. Never has a more eminent nurse undertaken this honourable duty. The Foundation is to be congratulated upon securing her presence and the students on the honour of coming into touch with so eminent a leader of nursing education.

All good internationals know Miss Annie Goodrich, Dean of Yale School of Nursing, Newhaven, U.S.A., 1924-1934, and authoress of "The Social and Ethical Significance of Nursing," a subject she approached in the modern conception that good nursing is ethical nursing, and which she dedicated "To My Students." "Through these pages may the invisible comradeship to me so precious be prolonged."

Miss Goodrich was President of the International Council of Nurses from 1912 to 1915, fateful years in which its activities were necessarily curtailed by the Great War, when she was unanimously elected an Hon. President, a position which carries a seat on the Grand Council for life. As a leading member of the League of Nursing Education in U.S.A., and of the Education Committee of the I.C.N., Miss Goodrich has been for many years in close touch with nursing developments there and in Europe.

Miss Goodrich is a Vice-President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and a member of its Education Committee.

A very warm welcome awaits her from her old friends in England.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTER- NATIONAL COSTUME BALL, ACCESSION DAY.

Her Royal Highness Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, who is a Vice-President of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain, has graciously consented to be President of the International Costume Ball, to be held at the Albert Hall, on the evening of Accession Day, May 6th, to commemorate the 25 years of His Majesty's Reign, and in aid of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation. This we believe will be a truly splendid function, and as we shall all be eager to celebrate this great day, why should we not do so in support of so fine a cause?

The setting of the Ball will be designed by Sir John Lavery, R.A., and there are to be Processions representing all parts of the British Empire and other Countries grouped in this effort for the efficient training of nurses from all parts of the world.

Her Grace the Duchess of Devonshire, Hon. LL.D., J.P., President of our National Committee, is President of the Appeal Committee, the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., Chairman—and the Lady Muriel Paget, O.B.E., whose idea it was to organise the Ball, is Hon. Secretary.

The Embassy Band, Jack Harris and his Band and other famous Bands have been secured, so the music will be a joy to those present who do not intend to exercise their Terpsichorean skill!

Dancing from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. so "we shan't go home till morning." The first issue of tickets will be two guineas each (to include supper) and tickets to view from the Balcony, 7s. 6d. each; Boxes from £10 10s. 0d. each, and may be obtained from the Royal Albert Hall, the office of the National Memorial Committee, 14, Grosvenor Crescent, S.W.1, and from G. Sherwood Foster, 15, Queen's Gate Terrace, S.W.7, to whom all correspondence should be addressed.

The Processions will be arranged by representatives of each country under the direction of:—

Australia.

High Commissioner for The Commonwealth of Australia and Mrs. Bruce.

Belgium.

The Belgian Ambassador and Baroness de Cartier de Marchienne.

Canada.

High Commissioner for Canada and Mrs. Ferguson.

China.

The Chinese Minister and Madame Quo.

Chile.

The Chilean Minister and Madame Tocornal.

Czechoslovakia.

The Czechoslovak Minister.

Germany.

The German Ambassador.

Italy.

The Italian Ambassador and Donna Antonietta Grandi.

India.

High Commissioner for India and Mary, Countess of Minto, C.I.

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