

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

*Formed by the Joint Action of the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Council of Nurses.*

### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

A Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Foundation met at St. Thomas's Hospital on May 16th, at 11 a.m. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still was in the Chair. Interesting correspondence was read and reports from the various Sub-Committees received and adopted.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rockefeller Foundation upon the reception of a letter from Dr. Strode, European Representative of the Foundation, informing the Committee that £350 had been designated for use in the Nursing Survey in England. This Survey will come before the Committee of Management at its next meeting, and will, before the meeting of the Grand Council of the Foundation in July, 1937, be circulated for the consideration of members.

It was reported that the English Hospitals which had been invited to accept International Students for practical study, had generously agreed to admit them free of charge.

Seventeen inquiries had been made from foreign nurses wishing to take the Course next year as independent students. It was probable that of these three—a New Zealand nurse home on leave from the Fiji Islands, an American nurse from the Peiping Union College Hospital, and a Canadian nurse from the Toronto General Hospital—might be eligible. Nine Scholarships had been promised: Latvia, South Africa, Canada, Sweden, Finland, National Council of Nurses (Great Britain), British Red Cross, League of Red Cross Societies, and the American Red Cross. It was anticipated that the Nightingale Fund and the American National Committee would also give Scholarships.

The Ways and Means Committee recommended that immediate action be taken to try to increase the amount of the Endowment Fund, which remained much below the sum necessary to maintain the necessary expenditure of the Foundation. The Programme for the Presentation of Certificates on June 26th at Bedford College was received and approved.

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES BY H.R.H. THE DUCHESS OF KENT.

The Presentation of Certificates to the Students who have satisfactorily completed the International Courses held at Bedford College for Women (University of London) is always a most interesting and picturesque ceremony. This event will take place on June 26th next at Bedford College, at 3.30 p.m., and the announcement that the Certificates will be presented by H.R.H. the Duchess of Kent has given great pleasure to the students and will add *éclat* to the occasion. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., Hon. Treasurer of the Foundation, will be in the Chair, and Addresses will be delivered by Miss Daisy Bridges, S.R.N. (Sister, St. Thomas's Hospital), who has on various occasions represented Florence Nightingale in pageants—notably at the International Council of Nurses Meeting in Paris, in 1933—and by Miss G. E. Jebb, M.A. (Cantab.), Principal of Bedford College. Mr. H. L. Eason, the

Vice-Chancellor of the University of London, will also address the students.

The Votes of Thanks will be proposed by Miss Irene M. Abelgas, Philippine Islands, and Miss Josephine G. Thompson, Great Britain, after which there will be a Reception.

The annual meeting of the Old Internationals Association will be held on June 25th, and will be followed by the annual dinner at the Cowdray Club on June 26th.

The eloquence of these foreign ladies in after-dinner speeches is an object lesson to their British colleagues, who might well in the future attain some of their facility of speech in foreign tongues. This farewell dinner has its note of sadness, as it is followed by the flitting away of the year's students from Florence Nightingale International House, where so many happy friendships have been formed. We hope many Nightingale students will be with us for the great I.C.N. Congress in July, 1937.

### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE THANKSGIVING DAY.

The following gifts have been generously subscribed in support of the Florence Nightingale Scholarship of £250 awarded by the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

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Already acknowledged .. .. .	103	10	2
The Nightingale Fellowship (Collection, St. Thomas's Hospital Chapel) .. .. .	21	0	0
British College of Nurses .. .. .	16	5	0
League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses	15	0	0
Scottish Nurses' Association .. .. .	10	10	0
Royal British Nurses' Association .. .. .	10	0	0
Miss Campbell and Nursing Staff, South- Eastern Hospital, S.E.14 .. .. .	5	10	0
Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League .. .. .	5	5	0
The Nurses' League, National Temperance Hospital .. .. .	5	5	0
Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association ..	5	0	0
London Hospital Nursing Staff .. .. .	5	0	0
Fulham Hospital Nurses' League .. .. .	5	0	0
Colindale Hospital, Hendon, Miss Solomon and Nursing Staff .. .. .	3	4	0
League of Fever Nurses .. .. .	2	10	0
Nurses' League, Royal Alexandra Infirmary, Paisley .. .. .	2	2	0
Nursing Staff, Kent County Mental Hospital	2	2	0
Cuddington Isolation Hospital Nurses' League .. .. .	2	0	0
The Royal Waterloo Hospital Nurses' League .. .. .	2	0	0
Royal Free Hospital Nursing Staff .. .. .	1	15	0
Royal Hampshire County Hospital ( Collec- tion, Hospital Chapel) .. .. .	1	1	3
Liverpool Royal Infirmary Nurses' League	1	1	0
Miss Keys Wells and Nursing Staff, General Hospital, Croydon .. .. .	1	1	0
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