

## FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

A Meeting of the Committee of Management of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation was held at St. Thomas's Hospital, on Tuesday, January 21st. Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, D.B.E., R.R.C., President, was in the Chair, and alluded with feeling to the lamented death on the previous day of His Majesty King George V.

Reports were received from the various sub-committees, and the resignations were received of Dame Sarah Swift, G.B.E., R.R.C., past Matron-in-Chief, British Red Cross Society, and of Mr. Ernest Swift, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, upon being recalled to Washington to succeed the late Colonel Bicknell as Vice-Chairman in Charge of Insular and Foreign Operations of the American Red Cross. Votes of thanks for their valuable services were unanimously recorded by the Committee.

Mrs. Rome, the new Matron-in-Chief of the British Red Cross Society, was elected as one of its representatives on the Committee of Management.

### The Education Committee.

The report of the Education Committee contained the very welcome announcement that the Rockefeller Foundation had generously consented to finance the Study to be made by experts into the facilities in London for advanced Nursing Education, professional and academic. This Committee is composed of Miss Kathleen Russell, Director of the School of Nursing of the University of Toronto, who has been given three months' leave of absence by the Board of Governors of the University of Toronto, and who will guide the Study; Professor Beatrice Edgell, Ph.D., until recently professor of psychology at Bedford College for Women, University of London; Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., S.R.N., Matron and Superintendent of Nursing, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London; and Miss G. V. Hillyers, D.N. (Lond.), S.R.N., Assistant Matron, St. Thomas's Hospital, London, in place of Miss Gullan, now absent abroad.

The terms of reference for the Study were agreed by the Committee, and—together with a Resolution, proposed by the American Nurses' Association, and adopted by the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses at its meeting in Geneva, in July, 1935—referred to those making the Study for the Foundation.

### The Ways and Means Committee.

In its report the Ways and Means Committee reported that Mr. Phillips, Assistant Manager of the Trustee Department of the Westminster Bank, had consented to serve on the Ways and Means Committee.

### Gifts from Nurses.

The Californian League of Nursing Education had sent cheques amounting to £13 8s. 8d. for the Endowment Fund;

The Federation of Belgian Nurses had sent frs. 1,000 through the National Committee;

The Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Iceland had sent a donation of £20.

Other business of a useful nature was agreed.

## AN HONOUR FOR CANADA.

As announced at the recent meeting of the Committee of Management F.N.I.F. Miss Kathleen Russell, of Toronto, has accepted its invitation to take part in the Study of Nursing Education in London, and we quote with pleasure an expression of gratification which appears in the January issue of *The Canadian Nurse*, the official organ of the Canadian Nurses' Association, under the heading "An Honour for Canada." "Canadian nurses have cause for special pleasure and pride in Miss Russell's appointment, for she possesses unusual qualifications for this exacting piece of work—Miss Russell holds the degrees of Bachelor of Arts from the University of King's College and Bachelor of Pedagogy from the University of Toronto. She is a graduate of the School of Nursing of the Toronto General Hospital, and, from its beginning, has been director of the School of Nursing of the University of Toronto. This school is a unique experiment in nursing education which she has organised and directed with wisdom, foresight and skill; her administrative and educational policies are being watched with keen interest by educators in all parts of the world, for it is already apparent that they will exert considerable influence on future plans for the education of nurses. To have successfully guided the first years of such a difficult undertaking is in itself a full preparation for this new task, but in addition to her professional and academic qualifications, Miss Russell also possesses a temper of mind and a philosophic approach which will render her invaluable. . . . The nurses of the world may confidently expect that the foundation upon which the Nightingale International Memorial is to be built will be well and truly laid. . . . Miss Russell takes with her the good wishes of all Canadian nurses; we are proud of her, and we are confident that she will amply fulfil the high expectations of the authorities of the Nightingale Memorial Foundation who have so wisely chosen her."

Miss Russell is expected in England early in February, and will, we feel sure, receive a warm welcome from her colleagues in the Motherland, who are looking forward to the Report in some three months' time of the four experts associated to make the Study of Nursing Education in London.

### TO MEET MISS KATHLEEN RUSSELL.

Dame Alicia Lloyd Still, the President of The Florence Nightingale International Foundation, has issued invitations to an At Home, to meet Miss Kathleen Russell, at Florence Nightingale International House, 15, Manchester Square, W.1, on Tuesday, February 11th, at 8 p.m.

### ELIZABETH ALKIN,

#### A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth.

With her usual generosity, Miss Isabel Macdonald has given a number of copies of her historic pamphlet, "Elizabeth Alkin, A Florence Nightingale of the Commonwealth," for sale in support of the National Council of Nurses' Florence Nightingale Scholarship. This most interesting story of a pioneer in military nursing service is obtainable, price 1s. 6d., post free, from the Secretary, British College of Nurses, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1.

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