

Associations were notified from Headquarters that their term of office had ceased, notice being given at the same time that the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee should, at the 1937 Meeting, be added to the Standing Committees.

Thus the practical result of this change in the composition of my Committee has been that, with few exceptions, its members who are on the National Committees of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation conduct work in connection with it entirely independently of our Memorial Committee. As a result I have no special reports to present as in 1935 of any activities in connection with our Memorial Committee. This is a matter which should receive the consideration of our Board of Directors when the new Standing Committee is elected, definite reference to its work should be defined for the next Quadrennial period.

As a representative of the I.C.N. on the Board of Management of the F.N.I.F., I am kept in touch with its activities and progress, which have been remarkably successful during the last two years, in so far as the formation of new Committees is concerned, and I am indebted to Miss Baggallay, Secretary of the Foundation, for a useful list of the composition of such Committees which are attached to this Report. Suffice it to say that Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, India, Irish Free State, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippine Islands, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States of America have formed National Committees, and from the constitution of these Committees it is evident that the leading Nurses in each country grouped in the I.C.N. are giving active and expert support to the Educational Memorial to Miss Nightingale, which cannot fail to advance its prosperity, as, with few exceptions, the nurses are raising funds for Scholarships, and contributing to the Endowment Fund in several instances, Great Britain, Canada and the United States of America having taken the initiative in raising considerable sums for these purposes.

MISS THOMPSON'S RESOLUTION.

It will be remembered that at the Meeting of the Grand Council held in Paris in 1933, the following Resolution was adopted:

"That the existing Florence Nightingale Committee of the International Council of Nurses should be asked to make a study of all the 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."

Action on this Resolution was deferred by the Board of Directors at Geneva in 1935.

The Education Committee of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation agreed to "a Study of Nursing Education, both professional and academic in London" in 1936. Miss Kathleen Russell, Director of the School of Nursing, University of Toronto, acting as convener, together with three experts in England, this Committee issued a Report of the Study in May, 1936, together

with a minority report, the Recommendations of which were considered by the recent Meeting of the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, several of which were approved, and others amended.

On the Survey Report it was agreed that for another period of five years, the educational arrangement should continue with Bedford College, and that the Bedford College Committee should be invited to include a representative of the Education Committee of the I.C.N., so that our educational policy may receive consideration.

I regret that as the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation only rose at mid-day last Friday, July 9th, it has been impossible to make a detailed Report of the proceedings, as the Minutes are not yet to hand, but as the five representatives of the I.C.N. were all present, they are acquainted with the arguments and decisions on matters under debate.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE ORATION.

Your Chairman put forward a recommendation with consent of the Board of Management, that an Oration should be instituted in memory of Miss Florence Nightingale.

This was agreed, the four delegates of our Council present voting in favour.

The questions on which the opinion of the Board of Directors are required are:—

1. Shall the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee be made a Standing Committee?

2. On what basis of representation is it to be constituted?

3. Is Miss Thomson's Resolution to be acted upon, and how?

4. Will our Committee participate in giving effect to the Florence Nightingale Oration?

I beg to submit this brief Report for the consideration of the Board of Directors.

ETHEL G. FENWICK,

Chairman.

Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee
of the International Council of Nurses.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE STANDING COMMITTEE, I.C.N., 1937.

At a recent meeting of the new Board of Directors of the I.C.N., held at the College of Nursing on Sunday, July 25th, 1937, the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee, which functioned as a "Section" for many years and aroused the interest of the nurses of the world in the Memorial to Miss Nightingale, was superseded, and a strictly limited Standing Committee of five persons was substituted. As this Committee restricted power of nomination to one person from Great Britain, and the election of Dame Alicia Lloyd Still was considered necessary to regularise her appointment as President by the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation on July 7th, as arranged, she was nominated from the floor and elected by show of hands to the seat.

Thus Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's official association with the Educational Memorial to Miss Nightingale, which she initiated, was compulsorily terminated.

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