

be it resolved, that the pledge of financial support be renewed for a further period of four years, this to be up to and including 1942, with the hope that before that time is expired, steps will be taken to the end that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation will drop the idea of promoting a course of its own, and in place of that will work directly through some school, or college, or teaching department of nursing in London, because the purpose of the Florence Nightingale Foundation is to promote advanced study of nursing and nursing education."

The present arrangement with Bedford College, London, is agreed until 1942. Should it be decided in the future that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation drops a scheme of its own and becomes merged in some other institution—it would appear that some other distinctive memorial might evolve. Time will show.

THE ELDERLY NURSES' FUND.

One reflection upon the community at large is that there is still a generation of "old, cold and hungry nurses," who have neither homes nor incomes, so the news that Lord Nuffield has given £10,000 to the Elderly Nurses Fund is reason for Christmas cheer. This generous sum will enable the fund to complete the Bournemouth home by adding two double wings which will contain 24 self-contained flats.

This fund was initiated some seven years ago by a few Bournemouth ladies who became aware of the distressing conditions under which some elderly nurses were compelled to live when unable, through age or infirmity, to carry on the work of their profession.

POPPY DAY.

Lamp of Remembrance.

On Poppy Day in Glasgow recently it will be remembered that Lady Haig thought that the Cenotaph should be illuminated at night. A suggestion has now been made by the Matron of one of the Glasgow Hospitals who served with the Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R) during the war, that a Lamp of Remembrance might be gifted by the ex-Service Nurses of Glasgow, Naval Reserve, Q.A.I.M.N.S. (R) T.A.N.S. A fund has already been opened and money is coming in. Subscriptions will be welcomed and acknowledged by Miss McLean Campbell, Shieldhall Hospital, Glasgow S.W.1.

Miss Ida F. Butler, Director of the American Red Cross Service, retired on November 15th last.

The American Journal of Nursing contains a sympathetic reference to her personality and work.

Miss Butler entered the actual overseas' service with the American Red Cross in 1918, and within these 20 years Miss Butler has given a selfless devotion to the principles of the Red Cross, and a loyalty to her superiors in the service that have been veritable foundation stones upon which some of the more spectacular achievements of the nursing service have been built. Miss Butler became Director upon the death of Miss Noyes.

Miss Butler plans to return to Hartford, "to be near family and friends, which she will call 'home.'"

As we go to press we have received a very interesting Report of the Sick Children's Nurses' Association, an open meeting of which was held at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital on Saturday, December 3rd; also of the quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club on the same day. Notes of the proceedings of the General Nursing Council for Scotland are also just to hand.

We much regret we are compelled to hold over these Reports until our next issue.

THE GENERAL NURSING COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

A meeting of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was held at the offices of the Council, 23, Portland Place, London, W., on November 25th. The Chairman, Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D., presided.

Correspondence.

The Chairman reported the receipt of a letter in which the Minister of Health requested that a representative might be appointed by the Council to take a seat upon the Central Emergency Committee for the Nursing Profession. Miss H. Dey proposed, Dr. M. A. Collins seconded the proposition, and it was agreed that the Chairman be appointed, but that Miss G. E. Davies, the Registrar, might deputise for her if she were unable to attend all the meetings.

Finance.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, bills and claims submitted for payment were approved and the sums of £200 for Postage Stamps, £50 for Insurance Stamps and £10 for Petty Cash were allowed.

The Committee reported *in camera* the changes in the Investments of the Council.

Registration.

On the recommendation of the Registration Committee, it was agreed that reciprocity be established between the General Nursing Council and the Bengal Nursing Council.

Applications for approval for Registration on November 25th were: General Register by reciprocity, 27; Supplementary Part of the Register for Sick Children's Nurses by reciprocity, 3; for Fever Nurses by examination, 10, by reciprocity, 5. Total, 45.

It was agreed that 56 nurses who had hitherto failed to pay their retention fee, and now wished their names re-included in the Register, should be re-included.

Education and Examination.

On the recommendation of the Education and Examination Committee, it was agreed that:—

St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, be now approved as a complete training school for Male Nurses;

The following schemes of affiliation be now fully approved: between Cheshire Joint Sanatorium, Market Drayton, and the Birkenhead Municipal Hospital and the Clatterbridge County General Hospital, Bebington; between Dawlish Cottage Hospital and the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter; between Derbyshire Hospital for Women, Derby, and the Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital; and between Gordon Hospital, London, and Battersea General Hospital, London, and the Southend-on-Sea and District General Hospital;

The provisional schemes of affiliation between Denbighshire Infirmary, Denbigh, and the Wrexham and East Denbighshire War Memorial Hospital; and between Hastings Borough Sanatorium and the Brighton Borough Sanatorium and Infectious Diseases Hospital be extended for a further year;

The provisional approval of St. Chad's Hospital, Birmingham be extended for a further year.

The Chairman reported that in the recent October Examinations 2,545 candidates had passed the Preliminary State Examination; 2,101 General Nurses, 16 Male Nurses, 73 Mental Nurses, 5 Nurses for Mental Defectives, 98 Sick Children's Nurses and 278 Fever Nurses had passed the Final State Examination.

The Council considered *in camera* the draft Rule to give effect to the division of the Preliminary State Examination, and the Education and Examination Committee recom-

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