

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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INFORMATION SERVICE.

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The aim of this new service to National Committees of the Foundation, and to the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies, and the other bodies interested in Nursing Education is to supply them with regular information every two months about the Foundation and its activities for publication and distribution. It is hoped that in this way the objects of the Foundation and its work will become much more widely known.

The Foundation, which was inaugurated by the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies, in 1934, is a Trust the object of which is: "To provide facilities for post-graduate education for selected nurses from all countries."

In 1939, 21 National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees had been established in Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Greece, Iceland, India, Eire, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Sweden, and the United States. At the present time, the Foundation is in touch with Canada, Greece, India, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Netherlands. The Committee is also in touch with the F.N.I.F. Committee of the American Nurses' Association, and the F.N.I.F. Committee of Southern and Western Australia. Committees are in the process of re-forming, and the Committee of Management hopes to be in touch with many more as normal communications with the countries become re-established.

The Foundation is governed by a Grand Council on which there are five representatives of the L.O.R.C.S., five of the I.C.N., and two from each National F.N.M. Committee. It meets every two years and appoints a Committee of Management which conducts its affairs and reports to the Grand Council.

Committee of Management.

The affairs of the Foundation have been conducted during the period July, 1939, to September, 1945, by a Provisional Committee. The first fully representative meeting of the Committee of Management since July, 1939, met on September 14th, 1945. In addition to the eight members resident in England who have met almost continuously throughout the six years, there were present at this meeting Mlle. Mechelynck (Belgium), Miss Snellman (Finland), Miss Stewart (U.S.A.), Mlle. Odier, and Monsieur de Rougé representing the L.O.R.C.S. In addition to the members of the Committee, the following who were present in London were invited to attend the meeting: Miss Effie Taylor, President of the I.C.N.; Miss Hentsch, L.O.R.C.S.; Baroness van Hogendorp (Netherlands); Mademoiselle Damman (Belgium); Mademoiselle de Joannis (France); Miss Reeves (Eire); Miss Hillyers; Mrs. Killby; and Mr. Jones (Representing the Trustees). Steps will be taken to call a meeting of the Grand Council in 1946.

15, Manchester Square.

The Headquarters of the Foundation and residence for students at 15, Manchester Square was destroyed with the furniture in September, 1940. Temporary offices and committee rooms have been opened at 45, Gloucester Place, London, W.1, and the meetings of the Committee of Management are held here regularly.

Reappointment of Secretary.

Miss Olive Baggallay, M.B.E., LL.B., Secretary of the Foundation since its inauguration in 1934, was released from her work by the Ministry of Health, and reappointed in January, 1944. She was granted leave of absence in July, 1944, to join the staff of U.N.R.R.A. as Chief Consultant Nurse in the Balkans, and is now working in Greece. It is hoped that she will return to the staff of the Foundation, in July, 1946. In the meantime, communications should be addressed to: Mrs. Maynard Carter, A.R.R.C., Chairman, who is carrying on the work in her absence.

Post-Certificate Studies for Nurses during the Interim Period.

All educational activity ceased in September, 1939. The Committee of Management will from now onwards during the interim period and pending the meeting of the Grand Council arrange studies for trained nurses wishing to avail themselves of opportunities for study outside their own country. If the country of study is Great Britain, the headquarters is prepared to undertake the responsibility for advising with regard to such study, and the welfare of the nurses. If the country selected for study is other than Great Britain, then the Foundation will ask the N.F.N.M. Committee of the selected country to undertake similar responsibility. Application will be made to headquarters through the National Committee of the Country, or, when such a committee does not exist, through the National Nurses' Association, or the National Red Cross Society.

National Committees.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for India awarded a scholarship to Miss Chandekar to take the Sister Tutors' Course, at the Royal College of Nursing, for the session 1944/45. Miss Chandekar has completed the course successfully, and received the Certificate of the Royal College of Nursing, with distinction in General Psychology. The Committee for India is awarding two further scholarships for the same course, at the Royal College of Nursing, for the session 1945/46.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee for New Zealand has raised the money to provide two scholarships of £500 each to a Chinese Nurse to study at the Post-Graduate School at Wellington, New Zealand, and to a Greek Nurse to study in Canada. The Committee has also contributed £40 6s. 7d. towards the Endowment Fund, and has undertaken to send an annual contribution of £100 per year for three or four years towards headquarters expenses pending the time that a further contribution towards the Endowment can be raised.

F.N.I.F. Committee of Victoria, Australia, has awarded a scholarship for the session 1945/46.

Donations to the Endowment Fund.

Donations have been received from: Manchester Cathedral, proceeds of a collection: £20 13s. 9d. Nightingale Fellowship of St. Thomas's Hospital: £22 0s. 6d.

Visits.

The Chairman, Mrs. Maynard Carter, visited the United States and Canada in March and April, 1945, and Geneva in July, 1945.

The following persons recently visited headquarters: Miss Arstein, Miss Udell, Miss Baggallay, Miss Johnson, (U.N.R.R.A.), Miss Brackett (Rockefeller Foundation, U.S.A.), Col. Chow (Commandant Army School of Nursing, China), and Miss Hutchings (Treasurer N.F.N.M. Committee of India).

No 2 of the Information Service will be circulated on November 1st and will contain a report of the meeting of the Committee of Management held in September.

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