

The names of all nurses holding the Final Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association in Mental or Mental Deficiency Nursing will be entered on the State Register on application to the General Nursing Council on or before December, 1951, after which date the General Nursing Council will not accept anyone for registration. It has been agreed that the fee to be paid for admission to the part of the Register for Mental Nurses, maintained by the General Nursing Council by those nurses holding the Certificate of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, will be £2 2s.

All those training schools at present approved by the Royal Medico-Psychological Association in England and Wales will be approved by the General Nursing Council for the time being, and will be subject to inspection before final approval is given by the Council.

*The American Journal of Nursing* has published a most interesting pamphlet, "The American Nurses' Association, 1896-1946, Tomorrows and Yesterdays, as told on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Association's Founding."

As we have been associated with this wonderful organisation since its inception, we have to thank the Editor, Miss Mary M. Roberts, R.N., for a copy in which she states: "I hope you may be interested in the enclosed pamphlet which the *American Journal of Nursing* has prepared for the American Nurses' Association on the occasion of the Association's fiftieth anniversary."

This pamphlet is so full, both of pictorial and literary interest, that we propose to enjoy it before bringing it more closely to the notice of our readers, which we shall do next month.

The portrait of Isabel Hampton Robb is lifelike, which we shall greatly value; she is considered in the United States of America the unquestioned leader of that band of pioneers who in 1896 formed the Nurses Associated Alumnae of the United States and Canada, forerunner of the American Nurses' Association. She served as President from 1897 to 1901.

### THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND.

Particulars regarding arrangements for the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in Atlantic City, U.S.A., May 12th to 16th, 1947, are not yet available. Decisions as to travel agents, cost of journey and accommodation will be published as soon as information is received.

Arising out of the application from the Student Nurses' Association to be admitted as observers to Meetings of Congress of the International Council of Nurses, the Board of Directors accepted the principle of admitting representatives of Student Nurses' Associations as observers to open meetings of Congress, and the matter was referred to the Congress Arrangements Committee in U.S.A. to decide the maximum number of Student Nurses who might be admitted.

### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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#### FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

The above meeting took place in the Grand Committee Room of St. Thomas's Hospital, London, on September 11th, 12th and 13th, 1946.

The President, Miss B. G. Alexander, was in the Chair for all meetings.

Vice-President Mlle. Hellemans (Belgium) attended, also forty-three delegates representing the International Council of Nurses, the League of Red Cross Societies, and nineteen affiliated Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees.

The newly-formed Committees of Australia, Czechoslovakia and the United States of America were accepted for membership.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

The following donations were received:—

Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Canada, \$2500.00; Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of U.S.A., \$40,000.00; Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Eire, £237.

An anonymous gift of £150 was received as the nucleus of a fund in the name of Miss Mary Adelaide Nutting, Hon. President of the Foundation, for a collection of writings of Florence Nightingale and of important material concerning her life and work.

An original letter and a photostat copy of a second letter of Miss Nightingale were presented by a second donor.

#### APPRECIATION AND THANKS.

The thanks of the meeting were extended to Miss B. G. Alexander for her work as President of the Foundation since 1939 and for her able Chairmanship at these meetings.

The Grand Council expressed its appreciation of the work done by Mrs. Maynard Carter, Chairman of the Committee of Management since the last meeting of the Grand Council held in 1939; for her active leadership in the work of the Provisional Committee and her initiative in reviving interest in the Foundation.

The President was asked to convey the thanks of the Grand Council to the donor of £150 given as the nucleus of a fund in the name of Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, Honorary President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation for the collection of the writings of Florence Nightingale and important material concerning her life and work.

The Grand Council expressed congratulations to Mrs. de Guzman representing the Philippine Islands on the establishment of an independent Republican Government in her country, and thanked her for the gift of the flag of her country.

The Grand Council recognised the importance of bringing together as part of the Memorial to Florence Nightingale, all documents, writings and portraits connected with her life and work, also of assembling the same in the Library for reference, and therefore approved the action of the Committee of Management in requesting National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees to prepare a catalogue of all available material of this type.

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