

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

(INAUGURATED 1934.)

Special General Meeting of the Grand Council.

This meeting of the Grand Council was held at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York. It was presided over by Miss Mary I. Lambie (New Zealand), President of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and attended by forty-two delegates representing the League of Red Cross Societies and the International Council of Nurses and eighteen members of Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees.

The meeting was called to receive a progress report from the Committee on Study of the F.N.I.F. Miss Bridges, Chairman of the Committee on Study presented the report which outlined the steps which had been taken to estimate the cost of the study, to raise the necessary funds and to select a director to make the study.

The budget had been estimated as follows:—

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(1) <i>Expenses of the Study</i>	10,000.00
Fee for the study and report	5,000.00
Research assistant	1,400.00
Secretarial and clerical services	1,000.00
Travel	2,000.00
Office services and supplies	600.00
TOTAL	10,000.00
(2) <i>Expenses of Committee</i>	5,000.00
Travel expenses for meetings	3,300.00
Clerical services, printing, stationery, duplicating, postage and cables... ..	1,200.00
Contingency fund	500.00
TOTAL	5,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$15,000.00

To meet this budget the Committee had the following promises of contributions:—

From the American Red Cross 10,000 dollars on the understanding that the other 5,000 dollars would be raised from other sources.

From the Bernhard Baron Trust in England—£250—originally given for other purposes but transferred to the Study account with the consent of the Trustees.

From the South African Red Cross £250.

From the National F.N.M. Committee of Australia £250 (A).

Making a total of £3,200 (12,800 dollars).

During the meeting Miss Lambie undertook to recommend to the New Zealand Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee that they contribute £100 (N.Z.) or 320 dollars, and Mrs. de Guzman undertook that the Philippine Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee would give 50 dollars. Miss E. K. Russell (Canada) said that although the Canadian Committee had not been approached she would undertake to put the matter before them.

Miss Bridges continuing, reported the measures which had been taken to secure a Director to undertake the study. Although suitable candidates had been interviewed in England in January, 1947, the fact that the budget had not been secured prevented any appointment being made. Persons of high academic quality with considerable experience of research work had been interviewed which proved that persons of such calibre were available. The Committee had recently interviewed Dr. William Cherin of the Raymond Rich Associates of New York. His name had been given by Dr. Esther Lucile Brown of the Russell Sage

Foundation and, in the opinion of the Committee, he was eminently suitable.

Dr. Cherin would be available for appointment when the budget was approved and the necessary funds raised. He would be prepared to commence work immediately, to take the opportunity of interviewing delegates from those countries represented in Atlantic City in May, and to obtain there the views of countries to whom visits could not be paid in the course of the study.

On receipt of the report a vote of thanks was passed to the American Red Cross for their generous promise of a donation to the study.

The Grand Council passed a resolution underwriting the remaining 2,000 dollars required to complete the budget and decided to set up a Committee of three under the Chairmanship of Miss Anna Wolf (L.O.R.C.S.) to raise the sum required.

The delegates representing the F.N.I.F. Committee of the American Nurses Association questioned the appointment of Dr. William Cherin as Director of the Study. They pointed out that he had recently been active in a study of six professional nursing organisations of the U.S.A. His name was connected with the report of this study which was occupying a prominent place in the minds of all American nurses at the moment.

The President pointed out that the appointment of a Director for the Study of the F.N.I.F. was in the hands of the Committee on Study but she was sure that the Committee would be grateful for this note of warning and would take it into consideration in making an appointment.

The Grand Council acting on the recommendations of the Committee on Study then passed the following resolutions:

(1) That the Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation suggest to the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. that in any matters concerning the future relationships between the I.C.N. and the F.N.I.F. no action be taken until the Committee on Study of the F.N.I.F. has presented a final report.

(2) That the Grand Council of the F.N.I.F. suggest to the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. that provision be made for the Advisory Committee on Study of the F.N.I.F. to meet with some committee designated by the I.C.N. on the completion of the Study of the F.N.I.F. and before the advisory Committee on Study presents its report.

(3) That the Grand Council of the F.N.I.F. arrange for a joint meeting with the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. on receipt of the report of the Advisory Committee on Study of the F.N.I.F.

Florence Nightingale Oration.

The Florence Nightingale Oration which was delivered by Mrs. Lucy Seymer, M.A., at the 9th Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Atlantic City last May, was an inspiring analysis of Miss Nightingale's quality as a writer and was amply illustrated with quotations from her works. The Oration was a scholarly piece of work and we are grateful to the International Council of Nurses and to Mrs. Seymer for their permission to have it printed in leaflet form for sale on behalf of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

1946-1947 Florence Nightingale Students.

Eleven students have completed their studies under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and have been awarded a statement to that effect.

1947-1948 Students.

To date twenty-four students from eleven different countries have been selected for studies during the coming session. Eight of the students will be studying either in Canada or U.S.A. and fifteen in London.

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