

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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Message from the New President.

Miss Mary Lambie, O.B.E., elected President in September, 1946, sends us the following message:—

"I very much appreciate the honour you have bestowed on me, on behalf of the New Zealand nurses as well as myself personally. I hope I can be of real use to the Foundation. I can assure you that I am extremely interested in it and in its objects.

"The present trend towards social medicine through the world is going to have considerable influence on the nursing services, and I feel that the Foundation has much to contribute in the preparation of leaders.

"I am troubled that I am so far away, but fortunately air mail services are now very good and correspondence comes speedily."

Dept. of Health, Wellington.

Meeting of the Committee of Management.

The Committee of Management met in London on January 11th under the Chairmanship of Miss Yvonne Hentsch, Chief of the Nursing Division, League of Red Cross Societies. The meeting was preceded by meetings of the Education and the Ways and Means Committees. Mademoiselle Mechelynck has been elected Chairman of the Education Committee, and Major-General Hawes, G.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee.

All the meetings were well attended, Miss Höjer representing Miss Effie Taylor (I.C.N.), who was unable to be present, Miss Broe (I.C.N.) and Miss Dickson (Gt. Britain) being present for the first time. Miss Schwarzenberg (I.C.N.), who was in Europe on holiday, flew from Geneva to attend the meetings.

Special Meeting of the Grand Council.

The Special Meeting of the Grand Council to receive a progress report from the Study Advisory Committee is to be called for April 29th, 1947, in New York. The final notice of the meeting will be circulated to member bodies on March 5th, but owing to the difficulties of transport it will be necessary for many delegates to be making their arrangements well ahead of that date. It is necessary, therefore, that member bodies appoint their representatives at once and notify the Headquarters Office in London of their names. Through the kindness of the American Nurses' Association, hospitality is being offered to our delegates for the period of the meeting in the New York hospitals, but it will be necessary for us to notify them well in advance the names of those who will be requiring their hospitality.

The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Denmark has notified us that Miss Madsen and Miss Hofman-Bang will be representing the Committee.

Award to Florence Nightingale Scholars.

A Statement signed by the Chairman of the Committee of Management will be awarded to successful scholars on completing a period of study under the auspices of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation.

This Statement will only be awarded under certain conditions. The scholar must have followed a programme of study of at least six months. If her studies have not led to a certificate or diploma of a recognised post-graduate school of nursing, then the Statement will be awarded only

if the scholar submits, within three months of the completion of her studies, a satisfactory report giving a detailed assessment of the material studied and a considered review of some particular aspect of nursing. The particular aspect on which she will report must be agreed by her with the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee sponsoring her, in consultation with the F.N.I.F. These reports will subsequently be the property of the Foundation and will be kept on file for reference.

The following scholars have been granted the award:—

Miss Chandekar	...	India, 1944-45
Miss Z. Tsoukalää	...	Greece, 1945-46
Miss Benjamin	...	India, 1945-46
Miss Macasare	...	India, 1945-46

Applications for 1947-48 Session.

Applications for admission to regular post-graduate courses for next session should be received at Headquarters at the latest by the end of March. In most of the post-graduate nursing schools the Session starts in September, 1947, ends in July, 1948. Owing to post-war pressure on the schools, vacancies are hard to obtain and it is essential to apply early.

Advanced Courses in Nursing Administration both for Hospital and Public Health services, as well as Courses for Nurse Teachers, are offered by the Royal College of Nursing, London; the Toronto University School of Nursing; and the Aarhus University School of Nursing, Denmark.

The Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees of Belgium, New Zealand, Sweden, and the U.S.A. have also expressed their willingness to assist Florence Nightingale scholars to obtain admission to similar courses in their countries.

The Foundation is also prepared to accept a limited number of carefully selected senior scholars who do not wish to follow an academic course. These scholars will take a period of planned observation abroad lasting for not less than six months. Such scholars should be prepared to study some special aspect of nursing for which their past experience equips them, and will be asked to select their subject on making application to the Foundation.

New Forms of Application are being circulated to member bodies, and they are asked to arrange that their selected scholars return these forms to the Headquarters in London as soon as possible.

Financial Support.

The Committee of Management have decided that as a temporary measure, and until the results of the study which is being made have been considered by the Grand Council, member bodies will be requested annually to make a contribution to the current expenses.

When the budget for the current year has been agreed, an estimate will be made of the difference between the anticipated expenses of the income to be derived from our capital. That deficit will be allocated among the member bodies, who will then be asked to contribute their allotted share during the year. Any money donated in excess of this minimum will be put in the Endowment Fund and credited to the member giving it.

Two of the National Committees—Great Britain and New Zealand—have already given an undertaking to contribute in this way, and others will be asked to do the same.

It is hoped that in this way the work of the Foundation can be continued until the Grand Council have agreed on the future financial policy.

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