

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION.

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Obituary.

We have just heard with great regret of the tragic death of Miss C. Wilson, the Hon. Secretary of the South African Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee. Miss Alexander writes that Miss Wilson was bitten by a poisonous insect while on holiday in October and died in hospital after a short illness. Our sympathies go out to Miss Wilson's family and to Miss Alexander and the Members of the South African Committee who have suffered such an irreparable loss. Miss Wilson had been the Hon. Secretary of the Committee since 1935; she was a trained secretary, not a nurse, and her interest and ability will be difficult to replace.

Florence Nightingale Students, 1947-1948.

Twenty-two students have been accepted for the current session and have commenced their studies.

Florence Nightingale Oration.

Ten thousand copies of the Florence Nightingale Oration, the "Writings of Florence Nightingale," delivered by Mrs. Seymer at the International Congress of Nurses, have been given to the Foundation by the *Nursing Mirror* for sale for the benefit of the Foundation.

It has been decided that the National Florence Nightingale Committees shall be sent the copies in bulk free of charge and that the committees shall have discretion as to the use of the funds raised by the sale of the copies. In England each copy is being sold at 2s. post free. No translations have been published, but the necessary permissions

have been obtained for translations of the text, and some of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees may feel inclined to publish translations in another language and to sell them at a profit for their funds.

Study of the Foundation.

The following donations have been received from member bodies, as contributions towards the cost of the study:—

From the South African Red Cross	... £250
" " Australian F.N.M.C.	... £200
" " New Zealand F.N.M.C.	... £80
" " Philippino F.N.M.C.	... 50.00 dollars.

In all, £815 or 3,262.50 dollars has been raised towards the 5,000 dollars needed to complete the budget. The promised gift of 10,000 dollars from the American Red Cross brings the total eventual sum to 15,000.00 dollars.

Owing to the generous response of member bodies it has been possible to commence the Study. Professor H. R. Hamley, M.A., M.Sc., Dip.Ed. (Melbourne), Ph.D. (Columbia), has undertaken to direct it. He is being assisted by Miss Muriel Uprichard, M.A., Ph.D. (London).

After spending six weeks at Headquarters, studying the records and interviewing those concerned with the early work of the Foundation and its present programme, Miss Uprichard is travelling in Europe where she will visit the Headquarters of the League of Red Cross Societies, will meet individual members of the Committee on Study, and representatives of National F.N.M. Committees in several countries. December and January was spent in Canada and the U.S.A., and she expects to return to London in February for further consultation with Professor Hamley.

It is anticipated that the Report of the Study will be ready for circulation by May, 1948. Plans are being made to hold the General Meeting of the Grand Council in September, 1948, in London, to discuss the Report.

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