

## The Florence Nightingale International Foundation Council.

### REPORT.

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE International Foundation Council held its first meeting at the Headquarters of the International Council of Nurses, 19, Queen's Gate, London, from March 1st to 4th, 1950.

#### Members Present.

MISS E. KATHLEEN RUSSELL, Director, School of Nursing, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

MRS. R. LOUISE McMANUS, Director, Division of Nursing Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

MISS MARY I. LAMBIE, (formerly) Director, Division of Nursing, Department of Health, Wellington, New Zealand.

MISS VENNY SNELLMAN, Director of Nursing Education, Department of Health, Helsinki, Finland.

MISS MARJORIE DUVILLARD, Director, Bon Secours School of Nursing, Geneva, Switzerland.

MISS ELLEN BROE, Educational Director, Post-Graduate School, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark.

MISS YVONNE HENTSCH (Representing the League of Red Cross Societies), Chief, Nursing and Social Service Bureau, League of Red Cross Societies, Geneva, Switzerland.

#### Ex-officio Member.

MISS GERDA HÖJER, President, International Council of Nurses, Stockholm, Sweden.

#### Attending by Invitation.

MISS RUTH SLEEPER, Chairman, I.C.N. Education Committee, Director, School of Nursing and Nursing Service, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

MISS OLIVE BAGGALLAY, Nurse Consultant, Nursing Section World Health Organisation, Geneva, Switzerland.

MISS ELIZABETH W. BRACKETT, Nurse Consultant to the European Regional Office, International Health Division, Rockefeller Foundation.

MISS G. E. DAVIES, Honorary Treasurer, International Council of Nurses, 19, Queen's Gate, London, England.

MISS DAISY C. BRIDGES, Executive Secretary, International Council of Nurses, 19, Queen's Gate, London, England.

The meeting was opened by Miss Gerda Höjer, President of the I.C.N., who welcomed the members of the Council.

Mrs. R. Louise McManus was unanimously elected Chairman, and at a later session Miss Yvonne Hentsch was elected Vice-Chairman.

It was noted with regret that neither of the two educationalists who had been nominated by the Board of Directors (e.g., Professor James Mackintosh and Dr. Esther Lucille Brown) had been able to accept appointment; and that Dr. Muriel Uprichard (alternate for Dr. Brown) had been unable to attend this meeting. It was agreed to invite Dr. Uprichard to attend the next meeting, and to recommend to the next meeting of the Board of Directors the names of other suitable persons, prominent in education, to serve on the Council.

#### Terms of Reference.

The Council first considered the terms of the Trust Deed of the F.N.I.F., as amended in June, 1949, and noted in particular the authority delegated to it by the Board of Directors, as set out in the Amended Trust Deed under Section 4 (2) "Powers of the Council":—

- (a) To assess the objectives and purposes of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and to implement these in an educational programme.

(b) To submit matters relating to overall educational policies to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for approval.

(c) To prepare an annual budget of expenses for presentation to the Board of Directors and to administer the funds of the Foundation within the approved budget.

(d) To submit an annual report including the audited accounts of the Foundation funds to the Board of Directors for approval.

(e) To appoint the Director and all professional personnel of the Foundation required to implement the policy of the Board of Directors.

(f) To exercise any other powers specifically delegated to it from time to time by the Board of Directors.

The Council next considered the functions ascribed to it, and agreed to accept responsibility for these functions as set out in the Amended Trust Deed, under Section 2, "Objects"

"Objects":—

(1) To establish and maintain a permanent International Memorial to Florence Nightingale in the form of an endowed Trust which will assume responsibility for the long-term educational activities of the International Council of Nurses, including those countries not yet affiliated to the International Council of Nurses.

(2) To plan, conduct and promote research in nursing.

(3) To create a centre of information and guidance concerning educational facilities which will be available to all nurses and agencies.

(4) To establish, maintain and stimulate the award of scholarships and fellowships to selected scholars for study which would benefit national and international nursing education and service in all countries.

(5) To make inquiries, to institute investigations and to do all acts or things necessary for the purpose of finding and selecting such scholars and fellows and of maintaining, placing in suitable posts and otherwise caring for scholars and fellows so selected.

(6) To maintain and develop a section of the Library of the International Council of Nurses, dedicated to Florence Nightingale to include:—

(a) The collection and housing of material relating to the life and work of Florence Nightingale.

(b) The publication and collection of monographs on research done by the Florence Nightingale International Foundation and of literature relating to the Foundation.

The Council recognised that to establish and maintain an adequate memorial to one who was not only the greatest nurse of her generation but also an inspiring leader and statesman, was a challenging task; such a memorial must have as its objective nothing less than the improvement of nursing service to all mankind.

In considering a future programme for the Foundation, members of the Council expressed a consciousness of their responsibility in establishing sound basic principles and policies on which long-term plans for essential educational activities could be built. They conceived it their duty to try to define a goal that would be far-sighted, and to outline a programme which would be broad enough to embrace the most urgent needs in nursing, as well as the needs of nurses for advanced nursing education. They are aware that nurses in many countries are looking to the Foundation for leadership in developing such education, as well as in

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