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Note on what took place at a meeting at the office of the British Red Cross Society on Thursday February 4th 1932.

The following were present:

Sir Arthur Stanley in the Chair
Brig. Gen. H.B. Champain, Secretary General of the
British Red Cross.
Mrs. Bedford Fenwick
Miss Musson
Dame Sarah Swift
Miss MacManus, Matron of Gyy's Hospital
Miss Lloyd Still, Matron of St. Thomas's Hospital
Miss YRundle, Secretary of the College of Nursing.
Mrs. Carter, Chief, Nursing Division, League of Red
Cross Societies.
Miss Jebb, Principal of Bedford College.
Mrs. Reid, Director of Social Studies, Bedford College.
Miss Monkhouse, Secretary of the Council of Bedford
College.

The meeting opened by a statement from Sir Arthur Stanley confirmed by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to the effect that:-

The International Council of Nurses responsible for promoting a memorial to Florence Nightingale had decided that the memorial should take the form of a centre for the training of Nurses of all countries; that the centre should be placed in London and be of an educational character; that the scheme at present in operation at Manchester Square under the auspices of the League of Red Cross Societies, Bedford College and the College of Nursing represented just what the International Council desired for the proposed memorial; that it was impossible to have two centres and that if therefore there was any chance of the League of Red Cross Societies' scheme coming to an end, the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee had conceived the idea could they carry it on. That that the present meeting was of the nature of a Consultative Committee to make recommendations in connection with the future promotion of the scheme.

As a result of the meeting recommendations in the following sense were passed:-

(1) That the memorial be called "The Florence Nightingale Foundation"

(2) That a sum of £200,000 would be required to endow such a foundation in a suitable manner.

(Figures were given by Mrs. Carter to show that it would require £150000 to carry on on the present basis of the International Courses and the Committee were unanimous in agreeing that some scope must be allowed for developments.)

% That a body called "The Grand Council of the Florence Nightingale, Foundation" should be set up. on which represen-(3)should sit/ tatives of the Mational Red Cross Societies and the National Council of Nurses and other influential mutaids members outside either of these bodies; that this Grand Council should meet once a year to receive a report from the various national bodies responsible for raising the funds for the foundation; that these bodies should be called the "...... Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee, the name of each country concerned being inserted before the name 'Florence Nightingale'; that these National Memorial Committees be composed of representatives of the National Council of Nurses and the Red Cross Society of the country; that their function be mainly the raising of money towards the main foundation; that the British Florence Nightingale International Memorial Committee Mays in addition to this function of raising funds be the body responsible for the organisation of the scheme in London and so have power to constitute committees for its practical working, such as House Committees, Educational Committees?

That a further meeting of this Consultative Committee be called for Friday February 12th at 3 p.m.