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Notes on the Draft Statutes for the Florence Nightingale Foundation sent to the Principal of Bedford College for confidential comment before going forward to the Provisional Committee in January 1934.

Resumé of Statutes.Funds and Property

All funds and property to be vested in Trustees of not less than three in number and not more than five. This forms the basis of the first schedule.

Objects of the Foundation.

- (a) The establishment of an educational centre for Nurses from all countries and the development of facilities for the further education of Nurses after having completed their Nurses training (called in the Statutes "Post-Graduate Education")

Investment of Funds

- (b) Investment of money in land or building with power to raise money for this purpose by mortgaging Foundation property where necessary. The management generally of the finances of the Foundation. Authority to accept gifts of money, land or house property.

Management

- (a) Grand Council which will meet at least once a year.

Constitution:

- 5 members of the League of Red Cross Societies
- 5 members of the International Council of Nurses
- 2 members of each National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee provided that the country in question has contributed not less than £200 to the fund

- (b) Council of Management to carry on business in connection with the Foundation between the meetings of the Grand Council.

Constitution:

- 3 members of the League of Red Cross Societies
- 3 members of the International Council of Nurses
- 1 representative of Bedford College
- 1 representative of the College of Nursing
- 2 members of the British Red Cross

Powers of this body to be as delegated by the Grand Council.
The National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees to have power to make representations to the Grand Council on any matter connected with the Foundation.

Trustees.

The Trustees are to have complete control of the funds and use them as directed by the Grand Council, provided that they are for purposes of the Foundation.

The Trustees are to have power to invest the surplus in any one year not required for scholarships or any other purposes of the Foundation, as a Sinking Fund with authority to realise this investment up to the amount of the sum invested if needed in any year for current expenses.

All investments must be in Trustee stocks, with power to leave a gift in the stock in which it is given for such time as they ^{Trustees} think desirable.

Changes in rules and regulations etc.

The Grand Council to have discretionary powers to vary the purposes of the Foundation if at any time the funds are insufficient to carry them out, provided always that ~~such~~ ^{revised} purposes are for the so called "postgraduate education" of Nurses.

The Grand Council to have power to alter or vary existing rules and regulations, or to add new ones.

Comments by the Secretary on the foregoing Draft Statutes.

The word "postgraduate" should not be used in this document because of its recognised interpretation in the English Universities.

Not sufficient restriction on the ultimate powers of the Grand Council with regard to altering the purposes of the Foundation and rules and regulations. There should be some stipulation as to what majority of votes of the whole Grand Council should be required before any such alterations are authorised, and a term of years should be mentioned between giving notice of the change and actually carrying it out. The number of meetings at which this change should be confirmed before becoming law should also be mentioned.

The Statutes as a whole make too little mention of educational matters. On the Council of Management it is thought that there should be more educational representatives and where it suggests one member of Bedford College and one member of the College of Nursing, it might be better to say "Due representation of the Educational Bodies concerned with the carrying out of the purposes of the Foundation".

The Statutes should mention that there should be an educational body appointed, with absolute powers with regard to the organisation of the courses, giving the Grand Council power to make representations on these matters if they so desire.