

THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

INAUGURATED AT A MEETING AT 15, MANCHESTER SQUARE, LONDON,
ON JULY 5TH, 1934,
IN THE PRESENCE OF DELEGATES FROM NURSING SOCIETIES
ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM H.M. THE QUEEN WAS READ :

I AM INTERESTED TO LEARN THAT THE INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE IS BEING INAUGURATED TODAY, AND I AM GLAD TO KNOW THAT IT IS TO TAKE AN EDUCATIONAL FORM, AS THIS WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE COMMENDED ITSELF TO MISS NIGHTINGALE, WHO HAD SO MUCH AT HEART THE EDUCATION OF NURSES AND THE TRAINING OF A GREAT NURSING SERVICE, NOT ONLY IN THIS COUNTRY BUT THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE DELEGATES FROM FOREIGN LANDS AND FROM THE BRITISH OVERSEAS DOMINIONS WHO HAVE ASSEMBLED IN LONDON FOR THE INAUGURATION OF THE MEMORIAL. I SHALL FOLLOW THE PROGRESS OF THE FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION WITH INTEREST, AND I SEND TO ONE AND ALL CONCERNED MY CORDIAL GOOD WISHES.—

MARY R.

THE PURPOSE OF THE FOUNDATION.

THE FOUNDATION SEEKS TO ESTABLISH, ON A PERMANENT BASIS, POST-GRADUATE NURSING EDUCATION FOR A SELECTED GROUP OF FULLY-TRAINED PROFESSIONAL NURSES DRAWN FROM THOSE WHO STAND IN THE FOREFRONT OF THEIR PROFESSION IN ALL COUNTRIES.

IT HAS BEEN UNANIMOUSLY AGREED THAT THE FOUNDATION SHOULD BE IN LONDON WITH HEADQUARTERS AT 15, MANCHESTER SQUARE, TO BE CALLED "FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL HOUSE."

THIS NURSING EDUCATION WAS INITIATED IN 1920 BY THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES IN COLLABORATION WITH BEDFORD COLLEGE FOR WOMEN (UNIVERSITY OF LONDON) AND THE COLLEGE OF NURSING. SINCE ITS INCEPTION 259 STUDENTS FROM 43 COUNTRIES HAVE COMPLETED THE COURSE :

AUSTRALIA	1	GREECE	6	POLAND	9
AUSTRIA	28	HUNGARY	7	PORTUGAL	1
BELGIUM	3	ICELAND	6	ROUMANIA	4
BRAZIL	1	INDIA	6	RUSSIA	1
BULGARIA	7	ITALY	7	SIAM	5
CANADA	10	JAPAN	2	SOUTH AFRICA	8
CEYLON	1	LATVIA	9	SPAIN	6
CHINA	2	LITHUANIA	3	SWEDEN	2
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	12	LUXEMBURG	1	SWITZERLAND	3
DENMARK	4	MEXICO	3	TURKEY	1
ESTONIA	5	NETHERLANDS	6	UNITED STATES OF	
FINLAND	9	NEW ZEALAND	7	AMERICA	5
FRANCE	8	NORWAY	5	URUGUAY	1
GERMANY	6	PARAGUAY	1	VENEZUELA	1
GREAT BRITAIN	36	PERU	1	YUGOSLAVIA	8

TODAY, THEREFORE, IN ALMOST EVERY EUROPEAN COUNTRY, IN CHINA, JAPAN, SOUTH AFRICA AND NEW ZEALAND, LEADING POSTS IN THE NURSING PROFESSION ARE ALREADY OCCUPIED BY "OLD INTERNATIONALS" AND THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS EVERYWHERE HAVE BEEN OF INESTIMABLE VALUE TO THEIR COUNTRIES.