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REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The meeting held on September 14th was the first fully representative meeting since July 1939, and members of the Committee from overseas were specially welcomed. Amongst these were Miss Isobel Stewart (U.S.A.), Miss Venny Snellman (Finland), representing the International Council of Nurses; Mademoiselle Odier, from the International Red Cross Committee in Geneva, representing the League of Red Cross Societies; Mademoiselle Mechelynck (Belgium), representing the Old Internationals (F.N.I.F.); Monsieur de Rouge, Secretary General, of the L.O.R.C.S. was unavoidably prevented from being present; Miss Alexander (South Africa) President, wrote expressing her regret at not being able to attend the meeting.

In addition to the members of the Committee of Management; Miss Effie Taylor, President, I.C.N; Mademoiselle Hentsch, L.O.R.C.S. Mademoiselle Joannis (France), Mademoiselle Daman (Belgium), Miss Reeves (Eire), were invited to attend the meeting. They were in London at this time on the invitation of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain to attend a meeting of the members of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. The presence of so many well known nurses from other countries made possible a wide and interesting discussion on many questions concerning the future of the Foundation.

The Report of the Provisional Committee for the period July 1939 to July 1945 was presented and formed the basis of discussion. The action of the Provisional Committee during this period was approved. The Report as amended was adopted and it was agreed that it be presented to the Grand Council at its next meeting together with a further Report for July 1945 to July 1946.

Amongst the questions discussed were the following; (a) The incorporation of the Foundation under English Law. (b) The re-organisation of the Foundation to meet the needs of present day conditions. (c) Educational Policy during the interim period. (d) The permanent educational policy of the Foundation. (e) How to finance the Foundation and put it on a sound financial basis.

ENDOWMENT FUND.

The Endowment Fund now amounts to approximately £18,000, from which an annual income of £545 is derived, in addition to this the American Nurses Association is holding 40,000 dollars (approximately £10,000) in the United States Government Bonds for the Foundation. This will be transferred to the Central Fund at the appropriate time and will bring the Endowment Fund up to approximately £28,000, and will provide a further annual income of £300 a year. It is hoped that the £22,000 required to complete the minimum Endowment of £50,000 will be raised before September 1946, when the Grand Council meets for the first time since 1939.

The contribution of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of New Zealand of £100 a year for 3 or 4 years for Head-quarter's expenses will be of great assistance to help the Foundation balance its budget until such time as the minimum Endowment of £50,000 can be completed. The interest on £50,000 is the minimum amount upon which the Foundation can continue to carry on, on its present scale, and makes no allowance for the expansion of its work.

The question of the Foundation deriving part of its income from subscription was raised. This will be studied by the Committee of Management and recommendations made to the Grand Council. It was recognised that there are some countries which will not be in a position for some time to shoulder financial responsibility and that the

burden must therefore fall upon those countries that are in a more favourable position.

A Luncheon was given by the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley on September 14th in honour of the International Nurses who were present in London for the meeting of the Committee of Management and the meeting of the members of the Board of Directors of the I.C.N. Among the guests of honour were Lord Woolton, the Countess of Limerick, Lord Rushcliffe, and Dame Katharine Watt of the Ministry of Health.

A Dinner was also given by Miss Hillyers, President of the Nightingale Fellowship on September 17th at St. Thomas's Hospital to which nurses from all over Great Britain were invited to meet their International Colleagues.

#### NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

As communications with countries improve news comes through of National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees re-forming and holding meetings. In addition to those National Committees referred to in No.1 of the Information Service, the Committee of Management is now in touch with the National Committees of Belgium, Finland, Phillipines, making a total of twelve countries in which National Committees are re-forming and getting to work. It is hoped that during the coming months other National Committees will be formed in time to be represented at the next meeting of the Grand Council.

#### EDUCATIONAL WORK DURING THE INTERIM PERIOD.

Pursuing its educational policy approved at the meeting of the Committee of Management held in September the Foundation is arranging for students to study in any country where the students needs can most usefully be met.

Miss Zoe Tsoukala (Greece) Instructor of the State School of Nursing, Athens, has been awarded a scholarship provided by the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of New Zealand. Arrangements have been made for her to take a Certificate Course at Toronto University School of Nursing during the Session 1945/46.

Miss Voyadzaki (Greece) Assistant Matron of the Maternity Hospital in Athens, has been awarded a scholarship by the British Council, and arrangements have been made for her to take the Post-Certificate Course in Midwifery and Administration at the Simpson Memorial Maternity Hospital in Edinburgh.

Miss Macasare (India) Assistant Matron of the Mirag Medical Centre, Bombay Presidency, and Miss Benjamin (India) Matron, Sankeshwar Mission Hospital, have been awarded scholarships by the Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of India, and are studying at the Royal College of Nursing, London.

Miss Kolca (Greece) Matron of the Maternity Hospital in Athens will shortly arrive in London on the invitation of U.N.R.R.A. for a short study visit arranged by the Foundation.

#### DONATION TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND.

115th British General Hospital, U.A.O.R. (Sister's Mess) £11 6s. 8d.

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE.

A meeting of the Grand Council will be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, September 11th, 12th and 13th, 1946, at 45, Gloucester Place, London, W.1.

The International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies will each appoint five representatives on the Grand Council and each duly constituted National Committee will be invited to send two representatives.

No.3 of the Information Service will be issued on January 1st, 1946. There are some spare copies of No.1, if further copies are required, please apply to headquarters.