

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

TRUST DEED.

The second important task of the Provisional Committee has been to take the preliminary steps for the establishment of the Foundation.

An invitation addressed by the League to all national Red Cross Societies and by the International Council of Nurses to all its affiliated Nursing Associations has resulted in the formation of eighteen National Committees in Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Finland, France, Great Britain, Iceland, India, Irish Free State, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Philippine Islands, Poland, South Africa and Sweden. In the United States two committees have been appointed, one by the American Red Cross and one by the American Nurses' Association. These Committees, as well as the International Council of Nurses and the League of Red Cross Societies, have been invited to send representatives to attend the Inaugural Meeting of July 5th.

The draft of a Trust Deed, and of Rules and Regulations for the Foundation, based upon the scheme approved by the Board of Governors of the League and the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses, have been prepared and circulated as a basis for the deliberation of the inaugural meeting.

Briefly, it is proposed to set up, as the Governing Body of

the Foundation, a Grand Council comprising five representatives of the League of Red Cross Societies, five representatives of the International Council of Nurses and two representatives of each of the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees constituted in each country. It is contemplated that a Committee of Management shall carry on the business of the Foundation on behalf of the Grand Council when the latter is not in session.

It is proposed that the Committee should be composed of three representatives of the League, three representatives of the International Council of Nurses, two representatives of the British Red Cross, two representatives of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and one, or more, representatives of each of the educational bodies co-operating in the scheme.

The Provisional Committee recommends that steps should be taken to give the Foundation legal status in Great Britain by Registration under the Company's Act of 1929.

In concluding this report of the action taken by the Provisional Committee over the period during which it has been responsible for preparing the way for the constitution of the Foundation, it is the Committee's duty to emphasize the importance of the Foundation being placed on a sound financial basis as soon as possible. At the time of the constitution of the Foundation in July 1934 its assets will be very limited indeed. The resources in hand will enable the courses to be carried on through the session 1934 to 1935; but fresh resources must be sought at once so that the scheme may go smoothly forward after July 1935.

The Provisional Committee wishes to urge in the strongest



possible terms that each National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee should feel direct responsibility for doing its share in securing a proportionate part of the large sum which will be necessary to ensure the work of the Foundation on a permanent basis. It is hoped that eventually a total endowment of £200,000 may be raised. It is realized that under existing conditions this may not be possible, but it is felt that the Foundation can reasonably look forward to raising a capital of £100,000 before July 1937. Of this sum it will be imperative that £40,000 be raised before July 1935, so that the interest on the capital may suffice to cover over-head expenses involved in the continuation of the courses. In addition it will be necessary to ask the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees to continue to raise scholarships for each session.

Very determined efforts to raise a considerable part of the money required are being made in the United States, and the British Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee is also busy with plans for raising funds for the Foundation. It is the earnest hope of the Provisional Committee that all the other National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committees will take similar steps and will feel a similar degree of responsibility for their share in ensuring the Foundation's financial future.