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The delegates have done more than their duty : they have worked not only with their heads and hands but also with their hearts. They began from scratch and have built up the centres with their experience and determination...

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**The Story of the Florence Nightingale International Foundation** by Marjorie Killby, *International Nursing Review*, London, Vol. 10, No. 6.

... The overall objective for the Foundation as defined by the first " Florence Nightingale International Foundation " (FNIF) Council within the International Council of Nurses (ICN) was :

" To improve nursing throughout the world through the stimulation and improvement of education for nursing."

The specific objectives of the Foundation were described as

- 1) The creation of a centre of information in regard to nursing and nursing education.
- 2) The development of a bibliography pertaining to the life and work of Florence Nightingale.
- 3) The promotion of research and conduct of studies in nursing...

From 1951 to 1957, four studies in nursing and nursing education were undertaken, resulting in the following reports :

" An International List of Advanced Programmes in Nursing Education " (1951-52) ;

" How to survey a School of Nursing ; A suggested method illustrated with samples of five Post-Basic Schools " (1954) ;

" Post-Basic Nursing Education ; Principles and Practices of Nursing Education " Vol. I-II (1954-57) (1957) ;

" Basic Nursing Education ; Principles and Practices of Nursing Education " (1954-1958).

Also in that period the extensive work on a Bibliography of Florence Nightingale was started.

At the ICN Congress in 1957 it was decided that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation should come more closely within the administrative framework of the ICN and it was decided that the ICN should establish an Educational Division of its own to be called the Florence Nightingale Education Division, to undertake the current educational work of the organisation including a consultative service in regard to nursing education, and fairly extensive field work ;

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it was also decided that the annual income of the invested Trust Fund of the FNIF (amounting to a little over £ 2,000 per annum) should be earmarked for special educational activities carrying the name of the Foundation, these to be carried out by the Florence Nightingale Education Division staff.

The FNIF Council was replaced by the ICN Education Committee, which has no executive power, but serves as the professional group to advise on the work of the Florence Nightingale Education Division. It was further laid down that this Committee should each year recommend to the ICN Executive Committee the activity on which the income of the FNIF should be expended. In this manner the following FNIF activities have been carried out : the completion of the two study reports on Post-Basic and Basic Nursing Education which were published (by the ICN) in 1958 in English and in 1959 in French. To these studies financial assistance had been contributed by the World Health Organization as well as the ICN.

The organisation of two International Research Seminars, in Sèvres, France, in 1956; and in Delhi, India, in 1960, offered expert advice from an international group of consultants on research methods applied to nursing. Reports of both seminars were published.

The publication of A Bio-Bibliography of Florence Nightingale took place in 1962. This forms part of a complete guide to the writings of Florence Nightingale which will provide a key to the 12,000 or more extant unpublished letters of this remarkable woman. This first volume provides for the first time a complete annotated list of her published writing and extensive notes are included which show how and why the various items were written, assess their significance and record their reception by the world.

The latest activity, based on a decision of the Board of Directors of the ICN following the Congress in Australia in 1961, is the undertaking of An Inquiry into Basic Nursing Education in order to gather more complete information as to the opinion of all National Nurses Associations which are in membership with the ICN on two vital points :

- 1) in regard to educational criteria for national associations seeking membership with ICN
- 2) the clarification and defining of certain terms used in the ICN Constitution and By-Laws.

This work is still continuing and a report will be prepared, based on material received from member associations, for presentation to the Board of Directors and the Grand Council of the ICN at the next meeting to be held in Frankfurt in 1965.

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