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Univ. of Toronto
School of Nursing

It was, on motion,

RESOLVED that the sum of Two hundred fifty-five thousand dollars
RF 38104 (\$255,000), or as much thereof as may be necessary to
purchase Can. \$250,000, be, and it hereby is, appropriated
to the UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO for ENDOWMENT of the SCHOOL
OF NURSING, payable July 1, 1939, this appropriation to be
a charge against the Principal Fund.

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The following were the considerations presented:

International Health Division - Public Health Education

Previous Interest: At a meeting of the Trustees of the Foundation on November 13, 1929, the Executive Committee was authorized to commit the Foundation in a sum not to exceed \$350,000 for capital aid to a school of nursing at the University of Toronto. No further action was taken on this, however, owing to delay on the part of the University and of the Canadian Government, and negotiations regarding endowment were then completely dropped.

In 1932 the Foundation, upon recommendation of the Scientific Directors, made a grant of Can. \$87,500 for the five-year period July 1, 1932, to June 30, 1937, available at the rate of Can. \$17,500 a year, to aid in establishing and developing a school of nursing.

On April 24, 1937, the Scientific Directors designated Can. \$20,000 from the International Health Division budget for continued support of the Toronto School of Nursing during the period July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1939.

On June 27, 1938, the Scientific Directors recommended to the Foundation appropriation of endowment for the School of Can. \$250,000.

General Description: The School of Nursing at Toronto, which is an outgrowth of the Department of Public Health Nursing at the University, has existed as a separate school for about five years only. During that time it has grown steadily in range and excellence and has in the opinion of the officers and Scientific Directors of the International Health Division justified its support as an important experiment in methods of education in public health nursing.

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The following courses are offered by the School: (1) One-year postgraduate public health course. (2) One-year course for hospital staff nurses in preparation for teaching and supervisory work. (3) Three-year course of full nursing training in preparation for public health work. This is the so-called "new" undergraduate course, the characteristics of which are: some redistribution of theory; more appropriate selection of hospital services for ward work; earlier and more constant presentation of preventive medicine; increased amount of practical experience in public health work. In addition, the School is a much used center for educational work for both hospital and public health nurses throughout the whole Province, particularly in connection with refresher work.

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At the present time the Toronto General Hospital is used for the bedside training of the University School of Nursing. Five other hospitals are closely associated with the School and used in training.

Finances: The total budget of the School is Can. \$46,000 a year. Of this amount, Can. \$28,500 is received in fees and residential dues. The difference, Can. \$17,500, is now made up of payments from the International Health Division, Can. \$10,000, and of an appropriation of Can. \$7,500 from the budget which the University receives from the State.

The estimated yield of the endowment under consideration is Can. \$7,500. The Board of Governors of the University will provide Can. \$7,500 for each of the years 1939-1940, 1940-1941, and 1941-1942. This is an increase over the Can. \$5,000 provided previous to 1938-1939. A further sum will be needed which the University will try to raise partly by increase of fees, and partly from local contributions, but during the first three years an additional annual allotment from the International Health Division on a descending scale will be needed to bring the total Foundation contribution down gradually from the present annual contribution of Can. \$10,000 to Can. \$7,500.

Although the Board of Governors of the University is convinced of the value of the School, and the desirability for its permanence, the University is unable to finance it entirely and must receive outside support if the School is to be continued.

Future Implications: Although no further requests for endowment will be made, the International Health Division anticipates an additional Division designation for a three-year period beyond June 30, 1939, the terminating date of the current International Health Division grant. In any event, after 1941-1942, the University would be expected to provide all necessary funds to supplement income from endowment.

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Comment: The methods of training being carried out by Miss Kathleen Russell, head of the School of Nursing, have brought about distinct improvements in the ordinary courses given to the nursing students in the hospitals, thus laying a better foundation for the education of public health nurses. The Toronto School is exerting a beneficial influence not only on the training schools in the City of Toronto but also on those throughout Canada and in foreign countries. The provision of endowment would give a permanent solidity to the School; it would at once put it on a firm basis and enable Miss Russell to develop her plans; and it would extend the influence of the teaching methods of the School to the various training schools in connection with the Canadian general hospitals.

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