

National Council of Nurses of Great Britain. Bazaar, Central Hall, Westminster, July 15th and 16th.
Statement of Accounts.

RECEIPTS.			EXPENSES.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
General Stall ..	85	3 11	Hire of Hall ..	18	7 6
The President's Stall, Antiques	50	13 9	Entertainment		
Dolls & Pictures	38	9 3	Tax ..	1	19 6
Sweet Stall ..	30	0 0	Caretaker ..	1	9 0
Jumble Stall ..	23	11 2	Gratuity to Head Porter		10 6
5s. Stall ..	20	0 0	Surveyor's Fee..	1	11 6
Tea Stall ..	19	1 3	Bouquet ..	1	1 0
Produce Stall ..	13	11 6	Decorations ..	4	15 0
Flower Stall ..	7	12 0	Printing ..	2	0 0
Sale of Tickets..	13	16 0	Postages ..		12 6
			Balance..	269	12 4
	£301	18 10		£301	18 10

Since the above Statement was presented the following additional amounts have been received:—

Produce Stall £2 8s. 6d., Flower Stall £1 17s., Five Shilling Stall 2s. 9d., General Stall £1, Doll Stall 10s.

Outside the Bazaar a fine Coalport tea service, valued at £12 12s., found quite a number of those who love the appointments of their tea tables to be dainty and beautiful, to take 5s. tickets. The fortunate winner was the only man who held one, Mr. W. McIlvrade, of the firm of Messrs. Gayler & Pope, High Street, Marylebone, to whom his good fortune was at once telephoned.

There are still awaiting disposal a most handsome large Ridgeway Dish, the gift to the Bazaar of Mr. Leader, from his Antique Galleries in the King's Road, Chelsea, and a rare blue and white hot-water plate. Any one wishing to secure either of these pieces should communicate with Miss M. Breay, at 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS.

RECEPTION AT BEDFORD COLLEGE.

The Council of Bedford College and the Board of Governors of the League of Red Cross Societies entertained a large number of guests at Bedford College, on July 8th, when H.R.H. the Princess Arthur of Connaught presented Certificates to the Nurses who had completed the International Course at the College.

In his opening remarks the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley said that the Red Cross felt the need of the International touch in the Nursing Profession in order to get together Nations all over the world and, as a result, to get the best from all countries. The Home of the International Students was in London; that, he felt, was the right place for it because an Englishwoman—Florence Nightingale—spread the science of Nursing throughout the world. Princess Arthur, who had consented to give the Certificates this afternoon, like all Members of the Royal Family did her best for the welfare of the community; she was the only member of the Royal Family who was a State Registered Nurse.

Dr. René Sand, Secretary-General of the League of Red Cross Societies, then gave an account of the varied activities of the Red Cross.

Sir George Newman (Chief Medical Officer, Ministry of Health), said that he was there to convey to the successful students the hearty congratulations of the Minister of

Health. He referred to the growth of Public Health and Hospital work during the past few years and said that a Public Health Course might be said to have two aspects, first what might be termed a "field course" covering the ordinary practical work undertaken by various sections at the present time, and secondly an "institutional course" whereby students may learn from the accumulated knowledge of the last ninety or a hundred years. Sir George referred to the work of Florence Nightingale and quoted her remark that good nursing depended upon a skilled hand, directed by a cool head, and inspired by a warm heart.

The Principal of Bedford College, Miss Tuke, introduced to Her Royal Highness the successful students (whose names were published in our July issue), and the Princess presented to each the Certificate she had gained.

In her address to the successful students, Baroness Mannerheim (Chairman of the Nursing Advisory Board of the League of Red Cross Societies) said that every time she stood before women in their course of training she tried to find words to express her feelings on seeing these new recruits. But on such occasions she always felt how inadequate words were and to-day she felt this more than ever when she stood before the International Students of the Red Cross Societies. Like all the audience she was thrilled by the thought of the widely different countries and continents they represented, by the varied fields of action on which they would enter and by the wide benefits they would bring to their various countries. Through these students the International Course was spreading its message of health, they would preach the prevention of disease and the propaganda of health, they would make known the benefits of good habits and the evil of bad. Like the Knights of long ago they would light the torch, keep the candle burning and carry the flames through all the world. They would see that the beacon did not go out and by doing so they would be following in the steps of the Sainted Lady of the Lamp.

At a Congress convened by the International Council of Nurses at Helsingfors the story was told of someone who, hearing the name of Florence Nightingale said, "wasn't she someone connected with a lighthouse?" Perhaps the questioner had not gone so far astray, for Florence Nightingale played the part of a lantern in the lighthouse; she was an emblem of the Spirit of Nursing, the Spirit of Service which sent its rays of love throughout the whole of humanity.

A vote of thanks was moved to the Princess by Miss Hubler (Germany) and Miss Tsacova (Bulgaria). In replying Princess Arthur said that she was always glad when she could give help to anything likely to benefit the community, and she thanked the speakers for their interesting remarks and for the kind words that had been said to her by them. She wished the successful students great success.

At the termination of the Ceremony a large number of guests enjoyed a delightful Garden Party in the lovely grounds of Bedford College, and amongst the interesting guests were Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (Founder and first Hon. President of the International Council of Nurses)—now the Nurses' Parliament of the World—Baroness Mannerheim (Hon. President), Miss Munck (Denmark), the Viscountess d'Urzel Hennezel (Belgium), Miss Reimann (Secretary), Miss Anna Maxwell (U.S.A.), and many other members of the International Council.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

PRINCESS MARY COMMANDANT-IN-CHIEF.

The King, as Patron of the British Red Cross Society, has approved of the appointment of Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, as Commandant-in-Chief of the British Red Cross Detachments.

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