

Nightingale Scholarships Appeal Fund, and certify the same to be correct.

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### No. 3 ACCOUNT.

#### INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF NURSES FUND.

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 30th September, 1939.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.
<i>To Balance</i> in hand October 1st, 1938—				
Current Account	... ..	130	16	8
In Hand	... ..	2	12	5
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		£133	9	1
PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.
<i>By Balance</i> in hand September 30th, 1939—				
Current Account	... ..	130	16	8
In Hand	... ..	2	12	5
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		£133	9	1

I have examined the above Receipts and Payments Account with the books and vouchers of the International Congress of Nurses Fund, and certify the same to be correct.

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The Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on November 9th 1938, of the Executive Committee held on April 18th 1939, and the Minutes of the four Meetings of the Sub-Committee on the proposed amendments to the Constitution have been duly inscribed in the minute books, and although not yet confirmed, are open for the inspection of any member of the Committees and Grand Council who may wish to inspect them by appointment at 19, Queen's Gate, London, S.W.7.

#### FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE SCHOLARSHIPS FUND, N.G.N.

A most generous donation to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Fund has been sent by the Nursing Staff of the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, through the Matron, Miss E. Brodie.

This gift will be added to the Fund for use in the future, should the Florence Nightingale International Foundation resume its activities, as it is to be hoped it will do at the termination of war. We have just got to look forward to the reorganisation of all nursing activities. At present everything is in the melting-pot. It will be for the *profession* to take hold and manage its own affairs when the blessing of peace is secured.

#### THE LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES.

MISS YVONNE HENTSCH has been appointed Chief of the Nursing Division of the League of Red Cross Societies located in Paris. Miss Hentsch is a graduate of the School of Nursing of "La Source," Lausanne, Switzerland. In 1935 she took the International Course in connection with the Florence Nightingale International Foundation, and upon its completion served for a year as a member of the headquarters staff of the International Council of Nurses at Geneva.

## NORTHAMPTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

### OPENING OF NEW NURSES' HOME.

The new Nurses' Home at the Northampton General Hospital was opened on October 19th, 1939, by Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester.

Her Royal Highness, accompanied by the Hon. Gwendolen Meysey-Thompson, Lady-in-Waiting and the Rt. Hon. the Earl Spencer, arrived at the entrance leading to the Nurses' Home, where she was met by the Chairman of the Hospital Appeal Council (Mr. Ernest Bordoli, B.Sc.), the President of the Hospital (Miss M. H. Bouverie, O.B.E., J.P.), and the Chairman of the Board of Management (the Lord Hesketh). She then proceeded to the Home after various presentations had been made. After a short service, the Duchess was invited to accept an inscribed key, and formally opened the Home.

She was conducted over the new building by Mr. Ernest Bordoli and the Matron, Miss C. E. Nelson, S.R.N., S.C.M., D.N., M.B.C.N., and showed great interest in the many new features which have been incorporated for the comfort of the nursing staff, and expressed her admiration of the arrangements.

There are 118 single bedrooms for nurses, equipped with hot and cold water fixtures in each room, heated towel rails and radiators, and roomy built-in wardrobes. On each floor the nurses have a shampoo-room, an ironing-room and a small kitchen for making tea. Also on each floor there are entrances to chutes which carry away rubbish on one hand and soiled linen on the other; the dust chute terminates in the basement over a large bin, and the laundry chute in the linen-room on the first floor.

The building has a flat roof which commands a wonderful view of the country for miles around.

On the ground floor, there is a particularly fine recreation room, writing-room, small separate sitting-room for staff nurses, a waiting-room for visitors, and classrooms. The class-rooms have been designed with a view to other possible uses. In an emergency the main demonstration room can be converted into an extra operating theatre, and a large cloak room on the same floor has been designed for easy conversion into a room for the treatment of gas casualties, and has points for the attachment of an oxygen supply.

The nursing staff formed a guard of honour from the new Home to the Board Room after the Duchess had completed her tour of inspection. Tea was served to a company of about 100 guests, and about eight nurses had been chosen by ballot to wait upon the Duchess; their bright and neat appearance was generally acclaimed as evidence of the good discipline and generous consideration which is known to prevail in the Nursing School attached to the hospital, where there is no shortage of well-educated candidates for training.

### THE DEATH OF BURGOMASTER MAX.

M. Adolphe Max, the civic head of Brussels, whose heroic conduct in the last war in the face of German militarism, made him world famous, died on November 6th. His defiance of the Germans during their occupation of the City established him as a national hero second only to the great King Albert I. in popular estimation.

The members of the International Council of Nurses will never forget the Civic welcome he offered them in the glorious Hôtel de Ville at Brussels in 1933. We are proud to have clasped his hand.

The Queen Mother of Belgium visited Burgomaster Max in his last illness.

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