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To be returned to
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FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION

London, May 26th 1940.

Dear *Miss* Monkhouse,

Since our letter of September 27th last, the work of temporarily closing down the activities of the Foundation has been completed. An Audit has been taken up, and a copy of the audited accounts is enclosed with this letter.

There were heavy expenses connected with the closing down of the work, but owing to the generosity of certain member bodies, these expenses have been met. There is a small balance in the current account which can be used if necessary by the Trustees for authorised petty expenses. The regular charges such as ground rent on the property and the warehouse rent and insurance of the furniture of 15, Manchester Square will be met out of interest from invested capital. All power to draw on the Foundation's fund has been ~~invested~~, for the time being, absolutely in the Trustees, and they have kindly agreed to manage any business under the general direction of Sir Arthur Stanley and ourselves.

We are under a deep debt of gratitude to the League of Red Cross Societies, the American Red Cross and the National Florence Nightingale Memorial Committee of Great Britain for their generosity in donating funds to meet the expenses incurred between July and November 1939. The League has permitted one of their scholarships and the American Red Cross two of theirs, which were not used, to be spent in this way, and the N.F.N.C. of Great Britain gave a sum of £547.18.0. for this purpose, the sum being the total amount in their fund at the outbreak of war. This total sum has made it possible for the Foundation to close down with a balance in hand. The advance scholarship moneys still held by the Foundation for certain of the National Committees will be left on deposit at the Bank, and will be allowed to accumulate at interest unless any of the Committees concerned particularly request otherwise.

The Committee of Management met on May 16th, 1940 at the Treasurer's House, St. Thomas's Hospital. They received and approved the audited accounts and the report of work done. They authorised the Trustees to undertake future business under the general direction of the Chairman and Treasurer. The Committee agreed to authorise the sale of the remainder of the lease of 15, Manchester Square if a reasonable offer were obtained, or alternatively, to accept a tenant at a rent that would cover all expenses. The Committee unanimously agreed

"That under present conditions the entire suspension of the educational work of the Foundation was advisable, but that every effort should be made to keep in contact with National Committees with a view to maintaining interest and raising funds towards the Endowment."

May we take this opportunity of thanking you for your interest and support in the past and of expressing our earnest hope that the Florence Nightingale International Foundation may continue its work successfully at a future date.

Yours sincerely,

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