

Mrs. D. P. CHESNEY, R.R.C.

Mrs. D. P. Chesney, R.R.C. (*née* Bonser), Official Delegate of the Trained Nurses Association of India, was trained at the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, and the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, London, W.C. She then had experience of nursing abroad in connection with the English Nurses' Home, Biarritz, and subsequently of two years' mental nursing in Germany. During the years 1906-1908 she obtained the Certificate of the Central Midwives Board, and passed Massage and Apothecaries Hall Examinations. She then joined Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association for three years, after which she was appointed Home Sister at the Medical College, Lahore, and Superintendent Sister, North Western Railway, Lahore. From 1913-1915 she was Matron of the Lady Curzon Hospital, Bangalore. From 1915 to 1920 she was engaged in war work in Serbia, Mesopotamia, and India, and for her services in this connection was awarded the Royal Red Cross (1st class), the 1914-1915 Star, the British War Medal and Allies Medal, the Indian Frontier Medal, with clasp for Waziristan, the Victory Medal, and a Serbian Order.

In addition to her distinguished nursing career, Mrs. Chesney has taken great interest in nursing organisation, and was Hon. Secretary of the Trained Nurses' Association of India for three years, and later President of the Association for one year, and Editor of the *Nursing Journal of India* for six months. The Association is now raising a fund in order to establish a settled office in Delhi and Simla, with a paid Secretary as the work has got beyond the capacity of honorary workers.

Mrs. Chesney married in 1921, and our illustration shows her with her husband and dogs at their home, Woodcote, Kasauli, in the Simla Hills.



MAJOR AND MRS. CHESNEY, R.R.C.
with Peggy and Jean.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN TRAINED NURSES CONGRESS.

The Congress convened by the South African Trained Nurses Association, which met in May, discussed many questions of interest, the chief of which was that the Congress unanimously decided to nominate Dr. Tremble, and Miss B. G. Alexander, R.R.C., Matron, Johannesburg Hospital, as representatives of the Nursing Profession on the General Medical Council to be constituted under the new Medical Bill. It will be remembered that nurses in South Africa, who were the first to have State Registration, have not an Act of their own, but are registered under the General Medical Council. So far, they have had no representative on their governing body, and Miss Alexander will, we feel sure, be an admirable one, though we should like to see the nurses registered under a separate Act.

Amongst other resolutions adopted by the Congress was one "That it be a recommendation to hospital boards to encourage their trainees to seek further experience before applying for a Ward Sister's post."

A FEW NEW FACTS ABOUT THE CONGRESS AT HELSINGFORS.

The Committee on Arrangements of the Congress at Helsingfors consists of ten sub-committees, the names of which are:—

Committee on Exhibition, Local Programme, Entertainments, Publications, Propaganda, Meals, Lodgings, Order, Travel, Sightseeing. The Congress will be held under the patronage of the newly-elected President of the Republic of Finland, Mr. Lauri Kr. Relander. The Finnish Government has appropriated a substantial sum of money to be used in furthering the activities of the Congress.

The great Finnish composer, Sibelius, has very generously offered an unprinted composition of his own for the musical service to take place in St. Nicholas' Church on the opening day of the Congress.

The Executive Committee of the International Council will hold a meeting after the Congress is over at the unusually beautiful and large State Tuberculosis Sanitarium at Halila, a part of which has been placed at the disposal of the Council by the Finnish Government.

ADDRESS OF SECRETARY.

The address of the Secretary after June 20th until the end of the Congress will be in care of the Baroness Mannerheim, Kirurgiske Sjukhuset, Helsingfors, Finland.

Many questions regarding proper clothing for the Finnish climate in July have come to the attention of the Secretary. As the climate is quite frequently warm, it is suggested that one or a few light frocks be included with the kind of costumes that are usually worn in spring and autumn in southern Europe. Messrs. Bennett, 66 Haymarket, S.W., can also give useful information on this matter.

Places Nurses should visit before or after the Congress at Helsingfors.

NORWAY.

The Norwegian Nurses' Association has a most dignified headquarters at Universitetsgaten 12, Oslo. The building was formerly one of the pretty old residences of the capital. Besides providing space for offices, clubrooms, &c., it also contains a dietetic restaurant. In Oslo is found the "Ullevaal Sykehus," the largest hospital in Scandinavia, which has among other attractions a very large and modern Nurses' Home. The beautifully-situated Grefsen Sanitarium, the open air school "Brusetkollen," and many other interesting places in Oslo as well as in other cities of Norway can be visited under the leadership of Norwegian nurses by applying to Sister Bergliot Larsson, President of the Norwegian Nurses' Association, 12, Universitetsgaten, Oslo.

SWEDEN.

The Swedish Nurses' Association, Barnhusgaten 6, Stockholm, will be glad to assist foreign nurses desiring to visit institutions in Stockholm as well as in other cities of Sweden.

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