

MRS. NORRIE.

MRS. NORRIE, who is one of the delegates appointed by the Danish National Council of Women (of which she is the Corresponding Secretary) to attend the International Congress, and who is taking part in the Nursing Conference, is a trained nurse, having entered the Alurindeligt Hospital, Copenhagen, for training in 1880, and having subsequently worked in the Queen Louisa's Children's Hospital. Mrs. Norrie's nursing experience began early, for when she was only nine years old her father came home from a war, wounded and scalded, and one day, when the doctor paid his visit, her mother being out, she was called to receive instructions as to the treatment he desired carried out. Her father laughed at the youthful nurse, but the doctor said: "Well, she is a very reasonable little girl, and some day or other she will have to learn these things, why should she not be taught at once?"

This early experience is, perhaps, at the root of Mrs. Norrie's belief that every woman should know something of nursing, though she may have no intention of adopting it as a profession. At any rate, her own desire to nurse seems to have grown from that time, and, as opportunity offered, she read literature bearing on the subject.

In 1885 Mrs. Norrie married, but her interest in her profession is still maintained. Her

husband is a medical man, and for the last seven years has had an ophthalmic clinic, where, after the Danish fashion, the poor are treated gratuitously. Here Mrs. Norrie found scope for her professional knowledge, and was able to render valuable assistance. Since the foundation of the clinic more than 18,000 consultations have taken place, while the number of patients who attended amounted in one year to over 2,000.

Mrs. Norrie has also given practical proof of her belief that every well-educated young woman should have some knowledge of nursing, and has, for many years, held ambulance classes, and for some of her pupils has obtained admittance to various hospitals for three months, in order that they might learn the rudiments of nursing. It will therefore be of great interest to hear from her her opinion as to the results of this elementary training. Mrs. Norrie is a regular subscriber to the **NURSING RECORD**, having taken it from the very first number, when she saw it announced in the



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Lancet. She therefore comes to the Congress fully cognizant of what is taking place with regard to professional matters in other parts of the world, and her advice on nursing questions of international interest will be very valuable. We have been much encouraged in meeting the representative nurses present at the Congress to find what a real bond of union the **NURSING RECORD** is between ourselves and our colleagues in other countries.

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