

### The Danish Delegates.

Amongst the official delegates to the International Council of Nurses, those sent by the Danish Council of Nurses will be warmly welcomed, and we have great pleasure in presenting their portraits to our readers.

The first is Mrs. Hans Koch, of Hellerup, late Sister at the Presbyterian Hospital, New York, and a representative member of the Danish Council of Nurses.

Next in order comes Miss Elizabeth Andersen, Ward Sister at the Qresunds Hospital in Copenhagen, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Danish Council.

Miss Bodil Hellfach is the Superintending Nurse (Lady Superintendent) at the Kommune Hospital, Copenhagen, one of the Founders of the Council, and the representative upon it of the Kommune Hospital. Those who were present at the Paris International Nursing Conference will remember that Miss Hellfach was present and took part in its deliberations. The Kommune Hospital is the largest in Denmark, and contains more than 950 beds, in twelve divisions—six for men and six for women; two of these are for surgical patients, two for medical, one for nervous and mental patients, and one for those suffering from skin diseases on each side. The position of Superintending Nurse in this great hospital is, therefore, a most responsible and important one.

The last delegate is

Miss Gustava Hjorth, Ward Sister at the Royal Frederiks Hospital, Copenhagen, the oldest hospital in the city, a picturesque and beautiful building enclosed in wrought iron gates and railings. Like so many Continental hospitals, it is under the management of a Medical Director with four Supervising Sisters—departmental superintendents—working under him, each having an important charge. Like Miss Hellfach, Miss Hjorth represents her hospital in the Danish Council of Nurses.

So we set down in cold print the qualifications of our distinguished guests, but soon they will be in our midst, and in personal intercourse we shall come into close contact with them, and learn from them their views on matters of mutual interest to us in our profession, and also, we hope, establish more of those international friendships which have been so charming an outcome of past conferences of the International Council of Nurses both in Berlin and Paris.

Most interesting in Denmark is the military nursing organisation demonstrated in the care bestowed on sick soldiers in the military hospitals in Copenhagen, both that which has been in existence as a military hospital since 1818, when it was devoted to that purpose by an order of King Frederich VI., and the new hospital near the city, which is said to be a model of its kind.

As far back as the year 1625, during the Thirty Years War, a military hospital was established in Copenhagen, and it was decreed by law that there should be one woman nurse to every ten patients. Again, when temporary field hospitals were estab-



Mrs. HANS KOCH.



Miss ANDERSEN.

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