

lished, it was ordered that as many women nurses as the Chief Medical Officer might consider necessary should be employed, and, at the Military Hospital above mentioned, women nurses have been employed since its inception. So Denmark has behind it a long record of military nursing performed by women, and this nursing has attained a degree of great efficiency. We shall hope in the Session of the Congress on "The Nurse as Patriot" to hear something of the organisation of military nursing in Denmark from the Danish Delegates.

The President of the Danish Council of Nurses is Mrs. Henny Tscherning, who has held this office since 1899, and whom we shall have the pleasure of welcoming to the Council and Congress meetings. The ordinary members are nurses who have had three years' hospital training, and the extraordinary members are probationers still in training. Only the ordinary members may wear the Badge of the Association, which is a golden four-leaved clover in a red setting, with the circular inscription, "Danish Council of Nursing." The Executive Committee consists of seven ordinary members, and there is also a board of twenty-one nurses elected by the members, as representative of various nursing interests. All important matters are laid by the Executive Committee before this Board of Representatives, and are settled by both conjointly.

The Association is probably unique in receiving an annual Government grant of 6,000 kr., and its many activities include the maintenance of an Office and Home for private nurses,

a Home for nurses receiving supplementary training, and a Recreation Home; the granting of help towards supplementary training, and the maintenance of a journal for nurses, a sick club, a loan fund, dietetic cookery classes, and a burial fund. The supplementary training forms an important part of the work of the Association, for formerly, owing to a want of system in the training given at the hospitals, there were a number of private nurses who had only received a partial training, either solely medical or solely surgical. Such nurses can now, if well recommended, and capable, receive the instruction which they lack, through the Association, not only medical and surgical training, but also special courses in the care of skin diseases, nervous and mental disorders, and the

care of puerperal patients. Everyone will agree that this is a most important and valuable piece of work, not only for the Danish Council, but for any National Council of Nurses to undertake.

The Home of Recreation is also greatly appreciated. The Association was fortunate in having presented to it a large and beautifully situated plot of land, and in a few months it had in hand sufficient money to build the Home, which was opened in September, 1904. It can accommodate twenty nurses, and is open all the year round. The nurses are charged only a minimum for their board, and it is hoped that in time the Home may be partially endowed, and some members admitted entirely free.

Like other nurses Danish nurses have found their professional Journal invaluable.



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