

which worked out the new Regulations there were only two nurses to four doctors, and the Medical Board, when passing the regulations, voted higher fees and pensions than we had dared to ask for.

"When I think of the opposition all things touching the bettering of nurses' conditions have met with in many countries, it makes me feel undeservedly happy in Finland in that respect."

This is indeed splendid news, and all good registrationists will join with us in conveying to our friends in Finland cordial congratulations—that in a few months' time they will have accorded to them rightful recognition for their profession by the State. Women in Finland enjoy full citizenship and equal suffrage with the men, and they sit side by side with them in Parliament. It is therefore no surprise to us that their fine work for the community is appreciated, and their sex treated with wholesome respect and courtesy, instead of with the revolting derision, contempt, and cruelty meted out by our legislators to the women of Britain—a condition of serfery which many of our women have not the dignity to resent.

We have only one consolation—we in England began Registration reform. Twenty-two long years ago we clearly realised that justice to sick people demanded efficient education and organisation by the State of trained nurses, and even if we have not won first, we have shown the nursing world at large that the good old British love of justice is instinct in a minority, and that we have fought for right with a determined tenacity of purpose which proves our mettle far more than an easy victory could have proclaimed.

The Finnish nurses have been happy in their charming leader, Baroness Mannerheim, and she has also been fortunate in having the support of many strong and intelligent women to help her. The four delegates who represented the Finnish Nurses' Association at the International gathering in London made a deep impression on all who came in contact with them.

We have much pleasure in presenting to our readers the portraits of four distinguished members of the Association of Nurses of Finland, who have

done good work in furthering the registration movement in that country, and all of whom were in London last year as the delegates of the Association to the International Council of Nurses.

Mrs. Olga Lackström is the Editor of *Epione*, the Finnish nurses' journal, and the Superintendent of the Bureau for Private Nurses in Helsingfors.

Miss Ellen Nylander is the Secretary of the Association, and the Superintendent of its Preliminary Training School.

Miss Naëma Bergström is the Sister in the Out-patient Department at the Surgical Hospital, Helsingfors, and

Miss Sonja Korenoff, Matron of the Maria Hospital in the same town.

Those who had the pleasure of meeting these ladies during the Congress week were much impressed by their earnestness of purpose and their

keen desire for the progress and honour of their profession, as well as by their personal charm. We believe they are typical of the nurses of Finland, and a country which possesses women of so high a type must help to raise the standard of nursing as a whole, and the public estimation of nurses as a class.

It is interesting to know that the foundation of *Epione*, the Finnish Nurses' Journal, was decided on by the President of the Association, Baroness Mannerheim, after the Paris Conference. As was to be expected, it has proved a most useful agent in teaching the members to realise their community of interests, and to increase their feeling of fellowship. It has also been the means of raising a sum of money to found a sick fund, the need of which had been for some time keenly felt.

Baroness Mannerheim's ideal nursing curriculum, as briefly outlined to the International Nursing Congress, is that

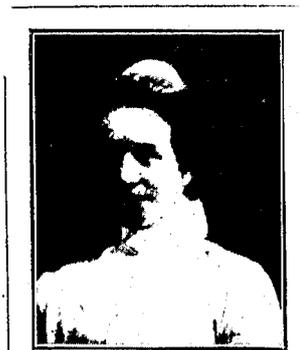
after three months' uniform preliminary training the pupils should pass on to a general hospital, and spend the probationary period there, and afterwards as junior staff nurses, spend half their time in the wards of a general hospital, and half in different co-operating hospitals, dealing with special branches. They should then return to their alma mater for experience in teaching probationers and hospital management.



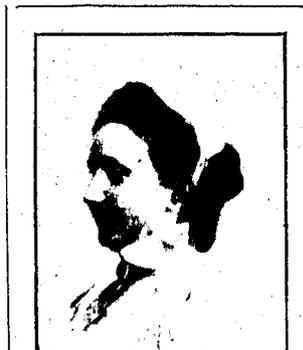
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