

bouquet of roses, the colour varying in each case. Many speeches from other delegates followed, and later Miss Nelson, the American delegate, showed a film presenting first Miss Florence Nightingale, and then pictures illustrative of the advance of the nursing profession since her day, particularly in the field of Public Health Nursing. The underlying thought expressed by Miss Nelson was the privilege of participation in this international meeting in furtherance of the service of humanity.

This session was a particularly interesting and festive one because of the presence of so many members of the Danish Council of Nurses. Coffee and refreshments were served, those present being seated at tables. Particularly delectable was the national savoury known as smorbrod. The delegates at last departed to their hotel after many expressions of appreciation and thanks for the charming hospitality they had received.

## TUESDAY, MAY 23rd.

### MORNING SESSION.

On the morning of Tuesday, May 23rd, the delegates re-assembled in the building of the Young Women's Christian Association, MISS CHARLOTTE MUNCK, Chairman of Sessions, presiding.

### What can be done to Facilitate the Reception of Trained Nurses in the Hospitals of Different Countries?

The first question considered was "What Can Be Done to Facilitate the Reception of Trained Nurses in the Hospitals of the Different Countries?" and was introduced in an interesting speech by MISS INGER NORDENROFT, Vice-President of the Danish Council of Nurses.

At its conclusion discussion was invited, and the proposal put forward by Miss Maude MacCallum (Great Britain) Registered Nurse, that the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses in each affiliated country should be asked to collect information as to which hospitals in that country would be prepared to receive foreign nurses.

This was agreed.

### The Necessity for an International Standard in Nursing Education.

This subject was introduced by MISS HELEN L. PEARSE, Registered Nurse, Delegate of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland. Miss Pearse referred to the importance attached to this question by the late Mrs. Hampton Robb, and to the formation of a Committee to deal with the matter—after the London Congress in 1909, at which she presented a paper on the subject—of which she accepted the chairmanship. Both Mrs. Hampton Robb and Miss Lanschot Hubrecht, who was appointed Hon. Secretary, had now passed away. The present chairman was Professor M. A. Nutting, of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York.

In the course of the very interesting subsequent discussion, a small Sub-Committee—consisting of two Danish delegates, Miss Pearse (Great Britain) and Miss Nelson (U.S.A.)—was appointed to draft a Resolution incorporating the views of the Council, and this was adopted later, the assembled delegates of the ten Affiliated National Councils, represented at the meeting, being present and assenting.

#### Resolution I.

We resolve that our recognised standard for trained professional women nurses shall be:—

Certification after a minimum of three years' continuous training in recognised qualified Training Schools.

#### Recommended:—

(a) That the Training School shall be under the direction of a trained professional Nurse Superintendent.

(b) That she shall arrange and maintain the Standard Curriculum to be given under the direction of a professional nurse, especially qualified for the purpose.

#### Resolution II.

We resolve that the obtaining of State Registration and Recognition be urged upon those National Councils in the countries where it is not already in force, in accordance with the standard laid down in Resolution I.

The meeting then concluded and the delegates adjourned for luncheon as on the previous day, as the guests of the Danish Council of Nurses at the Palace Hotel.



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International Council of Nurses, 1915-1922.

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