

Visit to the Rigshospital.

In the afternoon a visit was paid to the Rigshospital, which one delegate describes as "the most beautiful hospital I have ever seen." Another says: "All the hospitals I have seen in Copenhagen remind one more of garden cities than of institutions for the sick, and this, built in separate blocks, with trees, shaded walks, and lovely green hedges bordering stretches of velvety grass, is altogether unlike one's idea of a hospital as far as the exterior goes.

In the Midwifery Section of the hospital the Professor showed a most interesting film of two births, taken while the patients were under chloroform, and then took the visitors all through the wonderful museum.

On leaving this magnificent hospital the delegates were taken for a drive to the Nurses' Rest House by the sea, up the Sound, past Queen Alexandra's charming villa, and back along the coast. They drove through great stretches of beech woods with the sun shining through them to a charming house with a large garden, where twenty-two convalescent nurses can rest until they are well, free of cost up to two months, and then for a small payment.

Greetings from King Kréstian.

Here, a most delicious repast had been prepared for them—tea, fruit salads, and cakes of every description. The Medical Director of the Hospital was here to greet the delegates, and welcomed them in English in an excellent speech, in the course of which he told them that on the previous day he had seen King Kréstian, and when his Majesty heard that the International Council of Nurses was meeting in Copenhagen and that the delegates were to visit the Rigshospital he commanded him to convey his greetings to them and to inform them how much he appreciated their devoted work, and assured them of his interest in, and sympathy with, the Nursing Profession.

Message of Thanks.

A message of thanks was despatched to His Majesty by telegram from the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses, conveying the most respectful greetings of the delegates.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th.

MORNING SESSION.

On May 24th the delegates assembled early and paid a visit to the Finsen Hospital, where the Director, Dr. Axel Reyne, the son-in-law of Professor Finsen, received them, and first showed them the treatment of surface diseases, and of eyes and faces.

Then they were taken to the departments for both men and women, where general conditions are treated, paused a while before the statue of the great Finsen to pay homage to his genius, and then hurried back again to the Young Women's Christian Association Building.

The Eight Hours' Day.

MISS VERWAY MEJAN (Holland) introduced the question of an eight hours' day for nurses, or more

accurately a 48 or 54 hours' week, which meant practically a nine hours' day, as one day off duty in each week was contemplated.

With one exception all the delegates were in favour of this.

MISS BERJLOT LARSEN (Norway) spoke of the necessity for improving the conditions of private nurses, and MISS MACCALLUM (Great Britain) while agreeing that a nurse, if single-handed, could not leave a critical case for any length of time, considered that at the conclusion of a case a nurse should be paid for an extra day for each week, if she had been kept on constant duty, so that she might have a few days' rest before going to another case.

An alternative suggested was that a private nurse should be allowed three hours off duty each day, and that a district nurse, or the patients' friends, should be responsible during that time.

With this Session the Conference Meetings concluded.

Visit to the Bispebjærg Hospital.

In the afternoon a visit was paid to the Bispebjærg Hospital, where MISS CHARLOTTE MUNCK is Matron. The hospital is enclosed by a courtyard, and on the left-hand side of this is the receiving room where the patients are bathed and put into hospital clothes, and then taken by an underground tunnel to their appointed wards. The visitors were shown the operating room, the medical and surgical and children's divisions, all of which were in apple-pie order. In the children's division they saw an excellent electrical device for cleansing the babies' bottles, which were first brushed out, and then washed by water forced into them under pressure. In the operating theatre the seats for the students are partitioned off with glass.

Tea was hospitably served here, and the chief physicians, surgeons, and their wives were invited to meet the delegates.

The Banquet.

The official proceedings ended with a Banquet on the evening of May 24th in the Pavilion of the beautiful Yacht Club. From the foundation of the International Council the tradition has been established that its proceedings close with such a function, and we are sure that both in its setting and arrangements that which took place at Copenhagen ranks as one of the finest.

The guests were received by Mrs. Henny Tscherning.

Bouquets of lovely roses were presented both to Mrs. Tscherning and to Baroness Mannerheim by the foreign Delegates, tied with their National colours, red and white, and red white and blue, in each case. Throughout dinner toasts were proposed as is the continental custom, instead of reserving them to the end, and were replied to by the delegates, who took the opportunity of warmly thanking both the Danish Council of Nurses and individual members for the kindness, courtesy and hospitality which had been showered upon them.

There were special toasts for the newly-admitted Councils, to which the representatives responded.

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