

Then an adjournment was made to the withdrawing room, and there were more speeches, and finally on the suggestion of Miss Pearse all crossed hands and sang Auld Lang Syne, followed by Danish hymns and part songs.

Before and After.

Thus ended a memorable, successful, and most enjoyable meeting, of which the fruits will be gathered up during the next three years. Five new links have been forged in the international chain which has now almost encircled the world.

We now have an organisation consisting of the National Councils of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, Germany, Holland, Finland, Denmark, Belgium, Italy, Norway, Canada, India, New Zealand, South Africa and China; a Parliament of Nurses powerful and forceful enough to further materially "the essential idea for which the International Council of Nurses stands—self-government of nurses in their associations, with the aim of raising ever higher the standards of education and professional ethics, public usefulness, and the civic spirit of their members." Let each National Council keep these ideals prominently before it for the next triennial period.

We must not omit to mention the complimentary luncheon given by the foreign Delegates to the Danish ladies who had shown them such very great kindness, at the Nimbs Restaurant, Tivoli. An interesting episode of this function was that while the luncheon was proceeding a telegram arrived from King Kréstian in reply to that sent by the delegates to His Majesty on the previous day. It ran:—

"Thanking you, I send the Delegates my heartiest greetings."—KRESTIAN.

Immediately all rose and, standing, drank to the health of the King and Queen of Denmark.

Aarhus.

Still the aftermath. Miss Petersen gave a special invitation to the delegates to visit the

Kommunal Hospital of 600 beds at Aarhus, which nine were able to accept—four English, one South African, one Indian, one Norwegian, and two Dutch. They went by boat, arriving in time for breakfast. They occupied some of the charming rooms belonging to the nurses, and were struck with the artistic appointments, which proved the refinement of the nursing staff.

A tour was made of the very fine institution, which has a Medical Director on both the Medical and Surgical sides, including the X-ray and Finsen Light departments, and were shown £40,000 worth of radium contained in a little cash box.

After lunch the Municipal Maire sent a carriage in which the guests were taken through lovely shimmering beech woods to the infectious diseases hospital. The different blocks are quite self-contained, and the nurses attending on patients suffering from different diseases never associate with one another. Each block has its own staff and its own dining room.

After tea, to which all the medical staff came to meet the Delegates, they drove back to the Kommunal Hospital.

After dinner there was a Reception, and more speeches from medical men, who seemed very appreciative of the work of the nurses. "We doctors," said the pathologist, "know nurses to be the most self-sacrificing members of the whole



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