

## HOLLAND.

MISS VERWAY MEJAN thought that the leading articles in such a paper should contain stores of useful material.

## NORWAY.

MISS BERGLIOT LARSSON thought that an intimate organ, edited under the secretariat would be useful. It need not be of a popular nature, but could contain dry, practical information for the more practical amongst us, a solid source of professional information, enlightening and stimulating.

## FINLAND.

MRS. LACKSTROM, Editor of *Epione*, said it was started in 1908, and, to begin with was optional, now it was included in the membership fees of the Finnish Nurses' Association. It was printed in Finnish and Swedish. A nursing journal must speak out, and it was important that the Nursing Press should come into contact with the daily Press.

## DENMARK.

MISS C. REIMANN said that in the small countries they considered the publication of a journal one of the first and most important things to see to. It had to report meetings where a diversity of opinions were expressed, and must be fair to all. In regard to the free expression of opinion the editor of one paper had said, "In my magazine everyone can disgrace himself if he wants to, provided he does not disgrace the magazine."

In closing the discussion, Sister Karll remarked that the very interesting reports showed that the interests of trained nurses in every country were identical. They also showed that the nurses did not do enough in support of their professional organ. She thought all knew how precious it would be for nurses to be able to keep in close touch with their colleagues in other countries.

SISTER BERTHA WELLIN said that in 1906 some trained nurses in Sweden who were not in active work founded their nursing journal. She was much indebted to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for her advice at that time. The magazine did not belong to the nurses' organisation and was not dependent upon it, but was founded with the sum of 5,000 kronen, given as a scholarship each year to trained nurses.

## VISIT TO THE RIGS HOSPITAL.

Much has been said about the perfection of the hospitals in Copenhagen, to which many things contribute. Their setting in spacious and beautifully kept grounds, their architectural excellence, and the completeness of their arrangements and equipment.

All this is true of the Rigs Hospital, where the Conference was entertained with the greatest hospitality and kindness on the afternoon of July 31st.

The guests were received by Professor Sammeltoft, Dr. and Mrs. Jarbo, Dr. Roosling and Dr. Norgaard, of the hospital staff—the President, Professor Gram, and the Director-in-Charge being away on holiday. Tea was served at various

tables on a scale scarcely to be met with, we imagine, outside Denmark, the decoration of Madonna lilies, roses, and other lovely flowers being a feature of beauty.

Professor Sammeltoft expressed to those present the regret of the President and the Director of the Hospital that they were not there to welcome them, and did so in their stead. The Comtesse d'Ursel responded and expressed the thanks of the guests for the charming hospitality extended to them.

A tour of the hospital was then made under the guidance of members of the medical staff, Miss Judith Wang, Matron of the School, and other heads of the departments. The operating theatres, children's wards, and nurses' home received much admiration.

## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

On the evening of Tuesday, July 31st, the Danish Red Cross gave a reception at the Langelinies Pavilion in honour of the International Council of Nurses, when the guests were received by Mr. Cold, Danish Minister for Foreign Affairs. President; Miss Cecilie Lütkin, President of the Copenhagen Division, most charming of hostesses; and other members of the Board of the Red Cross.

The Langelinies Pavilion, which is the Headquarters of the Danish Royal Yacht Club, must be one of the most beautiful restaurants in existence. It is just outside the town, facing the bay and harbour, and the busy traffic of all kinds of craft makes a lovely panorama from the windows. At the back is a garden with a miniature lake, a most idyllic spot, especially in soft moon and starlight.

A most luxurious repast was served at a long table, decorated with bowls containing great masses of pink roses, during which the Minister very charmingly welcomed the guests on behalf of the Danish Red Cross, inviting them, in conclusion, to "drink to the progress of nursing—nursing all over the world." Mr. Cold further said that nurses of all kinds had a welcome to Denmark, but he would add a new note on behalf of the Danish Red Cross: "In war and in peace charity."

The toast was enthusiastically honoured, associated with the names of Baroness Mannerheim, Mrs. Tscherning, and Miss Lütkin.

In the course of her reply, BARONESS MANNERHEIM said it was a great joy to know that all the Red Cross nurses in Denmark were members of the Danish Nurses' Association, and that the President only had able-bodied seamen on board his ship.

MRS. TSCHERNING, in the name of the Danish Council of Nurses, cordially thanked the President of the Red Cross for its hospitality.

Towards the end came a call for a Danish National song from the members of the Danish Association; then the Americans must sing "John Brown," with its ringing chorus of "Glory, glory, hallelujah"; and lastly we joined hands round the room and sang "Should auld acquaintance be forgot" in the approved fashion, and then at last good-bye after a most delightful evening.

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