

the Conference something of the new School for Nurses in Paris under the auspices of the American Committee for Devastated France, of which she would be Directrice, and Mlle. de Joannis spoke of the deficiency in the supply of trained nurses in France. The question of establishing this training school had been brought before leading medical men in Paris, and all of them were agreed as to the absolute necessity of having well-trained women as nurses.

Some further discussion on Miss Stewart's address on "Nursing Education" then took place, in which the Comtesse d'Ursel (Belgium), Miss Isabel Stewart (U.S.A.), Miss Helen Pearse (Great Britain), and Sister Bergliot Larsson (Norway) took part, after which the Conference concluded its deliberations.

VISIT TO THE BISPEBJAERG HOSPITAL

Awaiting the members of the Conference at the Hospital gates was a roomy char-à-banc, into which, by Miss Reimann's good offices, all were comfortably packed, and whisked away to the Bispebjærg Hospital, which is some three miles out of Copenhagen. Here the guests were received by Miss Charlotte Munck, the Matron, and members of the medical staff, and a sumptuous tea was provided before the members of the Conference were taken round this fine Hospital, one of the most modern and wonderful hospitals in Copenhagen—which is saying a great deal.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS.

The last of the Social Functions at which our Danish friends received us with such splendid hospitality was the banquet given by the Danish Council of Nurses at the Nimbs Restaurant, Tivoli. The President, Mrs. Henny Tscherning, presided, everything was gay, everybody was happy. In welcoming the guests Mrs. Tscherning said that during the Conference the Baroness Mannerheim and Miss Olmsted had found one another, Miss Olmsted had found a mother, and the Baroness a child. She hoped and believed she would be a good child.

TELEGRAM FROM THE DIRECTOR OF HOSPITALS.

During dinner the following telegram was received by Baroness Mannerheim and read by her:—

Friherreinde Sofie Mannerheim, President of the International Council of Nurses, Nimbs Selskabslokaler, København.

The Director of the Hospitals of the Municipality of Copenhagen sends to the International Council of Nurses his most cordial greetings, and wishes to express that the Copenhagen Municipal Hospital has been greatly honoured by your having desired to hold your meeting at the oldest hospital in our city—in our Mother Hospital. I desire to express my best wishes for a good and sound development of sick nursing in all the countries which have been represented at the meeting.

K. M. NIELSEN.

Baroness Mannerheim also read the following reply, which was approved:—

Director Nielsen, Municipal Hospital, København.

The International Council's Delegates and Guests much touched by your kind message. Feel the impossibility of expressing their gratitude for the wonderful hospitality extended to them. Can only say, *Mange, Mange Tak.*

S. MANNERHEIM.

Everyone present, led by Baroness Mannerheim, then repeated with emphasis the words *Mange, mange tak* (Many, many thanks), and the telegram was dispatched forthwith to Director Nielsen.

The first toast, "The President of the International Council of Nurses," was proposed by Miss M. Breay, Treasurer of the I.C.N., who said that no eloquence was needed to commend the toast of the Baroness Mannerheim, which she had the honour to propose, "The Baroness Mannerheim—To our next merry meeting."

The President then in a very cordial speech endeavoured to express to Mrs. Henny Tscherning and the Danish Council of Nurses something of the gratitude all present were feeling for the wonderful hospitality and kindness shown to them.

Miss Munck spoke of Miss Lütken's fine work in the Army, and Miss Noyes made an eloquent and amusing speech. Miss Olmsted said when she came to Copenhagen she was an old woman, but she had been born in the last two days. Because she was so young she could not say much, but she would say to her mother, and the members of the International Council, who she hoped would be her aunts, "I thank you."

Other speakers were Sister Karll and the Comtesse d'Ursel. And then we went to Tivoli, where revered Matrons entered into the fun and frolic.

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT, 1923.

In addition to the Financial Statement, Miss M. Breay, Hon. Treasurer International Council of Nurses, presented the following Report to the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses at its meeting on July 29th:—

Madam President and members of the Executive Committee of the International Council of Nurses, —I have presented to you our Financial Statement at the present time, but I think you may like to know something more of our financial position.

In our early days, when the foundations of the Council were being laid our income was derived from individual donations, and we owed our financial stability largely to the generosity of our first Hon. Secretary, Miss Lavinia L. Dock, and to an anonymous donor in Great Britain.

Later, as National Councils of Nurses became affiliated to the International Council, the source from which we derived our reliable income was, and is, from the annual dues of the affiliated National Councils.

To these are now added another regular and very generous source of income. When Miss

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