

social functions are forming a part of the Congress.

In the forefront of the Congress Programme is the question of Registration of Nurses, which is a burning one in Norway just now, as there is a Bill before Parliament. Miss Munck, Matron of the Bispejaerg Hospital at Copenhagen, is dealing with the question of the Training of Nurses in the future, Miss Kerstin Nordendahl (Stockholm) with the Inspection of Schools, and Miss Ellen Nylander (Helsingfors) with Preliminary Training. The Training of District Nurses is dealt with by Miss Andrea Arntzen (Christiania), Miss Cornelia Petersen (Aarhus, Denmark) is speaking on the important question of "How Nurses may help to Economise," Miss Gretha Mueller (Goteburg) on whether it is economical to have all washing done on the premises, Miss Helmi Dahlstrom (Viborg) on economy in the materials used. This session, in which Miss Bertha Wellin (who is a Member of the Swedish Parliament) is taking part, should be a most useful and instructive one.

The subject of Private Nursing is in the hands of the President of the Norwegian Council of Trained Nurses (Miss Bergliot Larsson), and that of Amateur Nursing in Peace and War in those of Mrs. Olga Lackstrom, of Helsingfors.

Miss Lulli Lous (Christiania) is in charge of the question of the Nurse's Place in Social Work, Miss Nanna Hall (Helsingfors) of the Training of Instructors, and Miss Venny Snellman (Helsingfors) of Children's Work in Finland. Miss Agnes Bugge (Nykaroling) deals with "Mental Nursing and the Trained Nurse," and Miss Agda Meyerson (Stockholm) with "How to interest young women in Nursing"—a full programme providing plenty of material for discussion.

There is a Church Service and Concert, and the members of the Congress are being entertained by the King at his summer residence, and the Mayor of Christiania is taking an interest in the Congress.

It was with very great disappointment that Miss Breay and Miss Pearse were obliged to decline the cordial invitation of the Norwegian Council of Trained Nurses "to take part in the meeting as honoured guests." They, however, returned home by way of Norway, and were met at the station by Miss Bergliot Larsson and Miss Aagot Larsen, Assistant Matron at the Ullevaal Hospital, who has been a student in the course of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, New York, who most kindly and hospitably took charge of them

during their day in Christiania, so that it was spent to the utmost advantage. After entertaining them to lunch, they took them first to the shops, and then for a drive round the principal streets and suburbs of Christiania—a very fine city—past the King's Castle, a noble building finely placed, the Houses of Parliament, and the King's summer and winter houses, where he and the Queen live simply amongst their people; then a fine view of the harbour was obtained—a particularly gay and beautiful scene, since, as it was the King's birthday all the ships and boats at anchor were gaily dressed with bunting. After this Sister Bergliot Larsson took leave of them to attend Committees in connection with the forthcoming Congress, and Miss Aagot Larsen took them out to the Ullevaal Hospital, where they were received by the Matron, Miss Andrea Arntzen, with the utmost kindness, and after tea, taken round this great hospital of 1,600 to 2,000 beds—the largest in Christiania. There they remained until ten o'clock, when, after a typical Norwegian supper in the Matron's room, Sister Larsen accompanied them to the station, and resolved for them all the difficulties attendant upon travelling in a country with the language of which one is unacquainted. Thereon began the journey from Christiania to Bergen over the mountain railway, a few hours' rest, and then a feast of loveliness from the austere heights where snow lies all the year round, until the end of the journey through verdant country, and past lakes and waterfalls, a vision to be stored deep in the memory, and brought out and enjoyed for years to come.

A story of hardship and endurance, borne to save a woman's life, comes from Gippsland, Australia. A call for help was received from a cottage in the bush occupied by a woman whose life depended on speedy medical attention. It was necessary to take the woman to Bellbird, to which place a doctor had been summoned from Orbost, and to reach the Prince's Highway at Bellbird a sixteen-mile track had to be traversed. With the patient on a stretcher borne by eight district settlers the journey was made through the dense forest, and a fierce storm raged from 2 p.m., when the party set out, until the main road was reached at 10 o'clock the same night. A doctor met the party at the road, and the woman was conveyed by car to Bellbird, and her life was saved. A feature of the task was the action of Sister Dorothy, a bush nurse who, when summoned, raced on horse back over forty miles in five hours.

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