

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS.

THE BARONESS MANNERHEIM.

The arrangements for the party of Official and Fraternal Delegates leaving for Helsingfors on July 17th, are now practically complete. They hope to leave Liverpool Street for Harwich, *en route* for Copenhagen and Stockholm on that day, and to arrive at Helsingfors on the evening of July 17th. Excellent berths have been secured on the SS.

Queen Maud, and at Esbjerg a coach, with sleepers, has been reserved on the train to Copenhagen. Should friends wish to be at the station to wish the party God speed, the train leaves at 7.42 p.m.

The party will include some of our Scottish colleagues as well as Delegates from the Overseas Dominions. Members of the National Council of Trained Nurses in this country are reminded that they can obtain the distinctive Badge (a mauve ribbon printed in silver) from Miss M. Breay, 431, Oxford Street, London, W.1.

The Indian and South African Delegates are also adopting distinctive Badges, in the one case light blue and silver and the other, dark blue and silver.

Other parties are travelling from Hull and Newcastle.

An Address of Thanks.

When Miss Lavinia L. Dock, the first Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Nurses, whose fine work is woven into its fabric, resigned the position at the meeting of the Grand Council held in Copenhagen in 1922, it was unanimously resolved to present her with an Address of Thanks commemorative of her great services.

The Address has been exquisitely illuminated by Mr. Henry Donald, of Stoke Newington, and he has incorporated in the illuminated border of the Address references to Miss Dock's many-sided activities, and talents. The Bellevue Hospital, where she trained, the Johns Hopkins, the professional associations with which she has been connected, and helped to found, all are there, also a palette and brushes, and musical instruments, referring to a side of Miss Dock scarcely known to many of her friends on this side. So are the broken prison bars indicative of her gallant fight in the days when Women's Suffrage was yet to win.

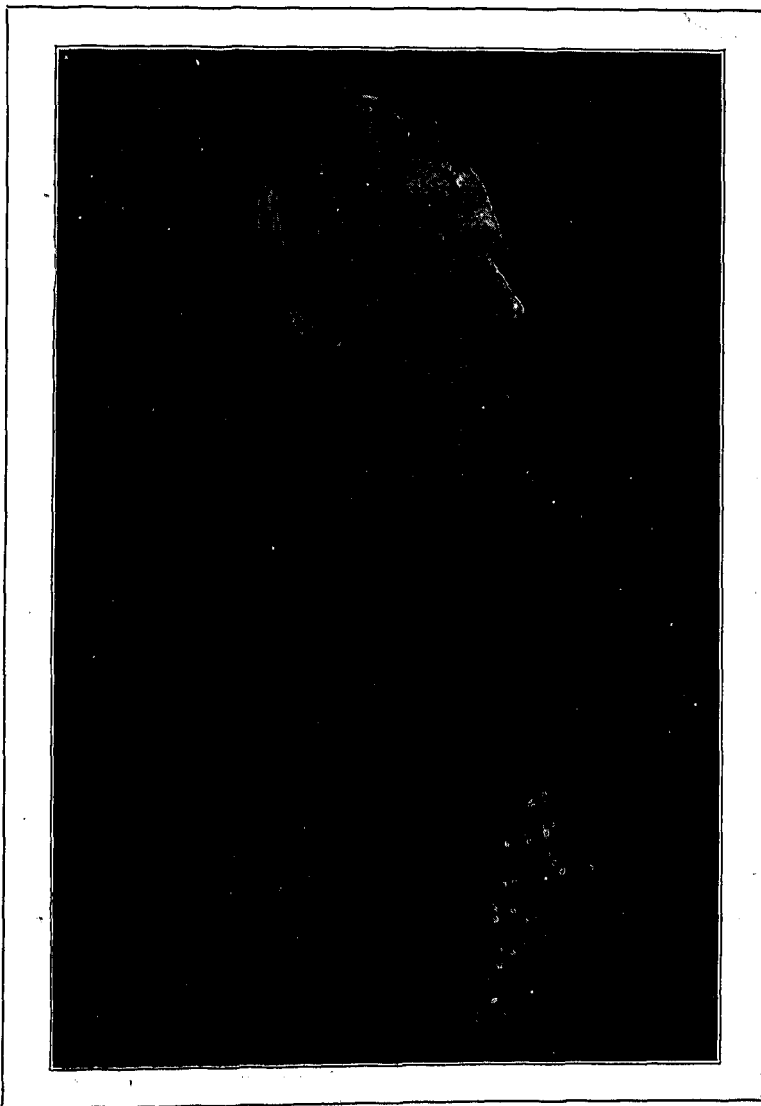
The Baroness Sophie Mannerheim, President of the International Council of Nurses, was trained at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, graduating from that school in 1902. In 1904 she was appointed Matron of the Surgical Hospital in Helsingfors, one of the University Clinics which, together, form the General Hospital of Helsingfors, a post she still holds. For the same time she has been President of the Nurses Association of Finland, which, until the present year, comprised all the trained nurses in the country, but has now been divided into two on linguistic grounds.

In addition to her work as a nurse, Baroness Mannerheim is interested in public service, and has held posts in Associations dealing with the care of children and convalescents, homes of rest for nurses and other women, and various other undertakings connected with the welfare of nurses.

The Baroness writes: "It does not seem much but it has not always been easy work, and I suppose the Red Cross of Finland took this into account when they proposed me for the Nightingale Medal when it was awarded this year. I am now its happy possessor."

Baroness Mannerheim first came into contact with her nursing colleagues internationally at the Interim Congress held in Paris in 1907, convened by the International Council of Nurses. She has herself told how she will never forget this first meeting with the international spirit which is now so familiar to us all, the wonderful feeling of being among friends,

the everlasting joy of being able to "talk shop" to your heart's content without tiring your audience, and the revelation suddenly dawning upon you that your own poor little problems were the problems of your sisters all over the world, and that, borne together, they would hereafter feel lighter, that you would get help from all the hands you had touched, from the words you had heard, that you could go home, but you would no more be alone in your work, you were a changed being, your soul had lifted its wings for the first time, and seen the sun of universal sisterhood.



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