

### MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN OF SPAIN.

The Conference received with special pleasure a message from Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, delivered by Mme. la Marquise de Valdeiglesias, who spoke as follows:—

"In this incomparable town, cradle of all generous initiative, and the home and meeting place of universal sentiments, honoured by the august representation which Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, Victoria Eugenie, has been pleased to confer on me, I have the great and unmerited honour to address, in the name of the Spanish Red Cross, the most cordial and sincere salutation to the International Council of Nurses, and to all those who enrich this interesting Reunion by their presence, and ennoble it by their humane sentiments, and to bring Her Majesty's best wishes for its success."

### THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE CONFERENCE.

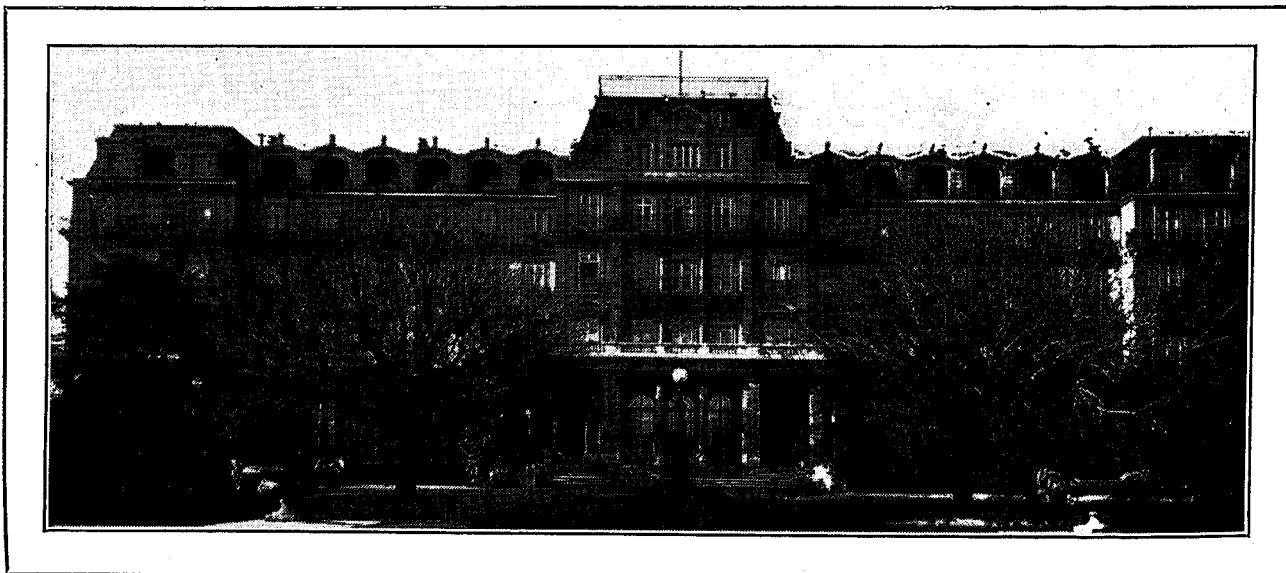
The Social side of the Conference had a peculiar charm, and the hospitality extended to its Members in the official invitations included them all.

### RECEPTION BY THE TOWN OF GENEVA.

With all circumstance and honour the Nurses of the World were entertained at a Reception given by the Town of Geneva in the Foyer of the Theatre in the Place Neuve, an experience to live long in the memories of all. The building—a modern one—is of striking beauty, comparable to the Opera House in Paris, and is richly decorated. The guests were received by M. Marcel Brunet, President of the Municipal Council, M. Jean Uhler, President of the Administrative Council, M. Albaret, Administrative Councillor, and M. Tinguely, Deputy and Municipal Councillor. The entrancing music, beautiful surroundings, the kindness, and generous hospitality combined to make the occasion an unforgettable one to all the Members of the Conference present. And surely there was not one missing. From the moment of our arrival until that of departure the spacious reception rooms were filled with a gay and animated throng who had set aside their responsibilities and were enjoying every moment of the swiftly passing hours.

### VISIT TO THE PALACE OF NATIONS.

Which of the Conference Members could hear without a



THE PALACE OF THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

On Wednesday, July 27th, a delightful tea was provided by Mlle. Lucie Odier (the President) and the members of the Local Committee at the Hotel des Bergues. It was the first time that the Members of the Conference had met, or had the opportunity of meeting their officers, and they enjoyed it to the full.

### DINNER AT THE HOTEL DES BERGUES.

Before the Opening Session on Wednesday evening, the International Officers, Members of the Board of Directors, the speakers and other distinguished guests dined by invitation at the Hotel des Bergues.

### VISIT TO THE RED CROSS INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE.

On July 28th, after visiting some of the local institutions, members of the Conference assembled by invitation of M. Gustave Ador and the Members of the International Committee of the Red Cross for tea at the International Institute, in the Rue de l'Ecole, where they subsequently had an opportunity of seeing the interesting museum which has been collected there relating to first aid, and to the care of the sick and wounded.

thrill that she had been bidden to the Palace of Nations in which at least fifty-six Nations have an intimate concern. Superbly situated, the main entrance is in the Rue des Paquis, and there on Friday, after an interesting Lecture in the Salle Centrale by Dame Rachel Crowdy on the work of the League, we all directed our steps. We were received on the steps of the building with great courtesy by the Under Secretary General, le Marquis Paulucci de Calboli Barone, who spoke as follows:—

MESDAMES,—

En l'absence du Secrétaire Général, je suis heureux de vous souhaiter la bienvenue dans le Palais de la Société des Nations.

Si, en venant à Genève, vous avez voulu connaître cette institution, où l'on travaille à établir une compréhension plus intime et une amitié plus profonde parmi les peuples, j'ai le plaisir de vous dire que de son côté, le Secrétariat de la Société des Nations a pris un intérêt tout particulier à votre Congrès, qui a pour but de coordonner les efforts et les progrès réalisés par les infirmières du monde entier pour mieux soigner les êtres faibles ou souffrants.

Nous avons voulu vous témoigner ce sentiment en

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