

In Finland

Dr. Thekla Hultin, one of the fourteen women who sit in the Finnish Diet, has expressed amazement to the representative of the "Daily Chronicle" that on coming to England she finds women still struggling for their enfranchisement. She added some interesting facts about Finnish women M.P.'s. All members are paid a salary, but they lose it if absent without special leave, and are also fined 15s. a day. "I may say," she went on, "that the women attend the sittings more regularly than the men. The women members have endeavored to bring about improvements in women's position, especially in its legal and economic aspect. Bills introduced by women have been concerned with the raising of the age of consent, securing equality of the wife with the husband in the control of the children, motherhood insurance, the right of women to enter the legal profession, and so forth."—From "Votes for Women."

WHY NOT V.C.'s FOR WOMEN?

Men have rightly been rewarded with the Victoria Cross, again and again, for risking their own lives to save those of their fellows. Why is no honor of the kind ever conferred on the women who prove that in the matter of heroic self-sacrifice they are on an equality with men? Take the instance of Miss Alt, the grey-haired old heroine, who, hearing of the terrible distress and loss of life in the cholera camp at San Stefano, has gone down among the soldiers there, and is working night and day to save life and reduce the sum of human suffering that is the inevitable consequence of war. Many years ago, Miss Alt, who is a Swiss trained nurse, went out to Turkey in that capacity. Since then she has been a governess in Turkish families; and now, at an advanced age, she goes to risk her life and to spend her hardly earned savings in order to save the lives of others. Could the V. C. be given to a better recipient?

A Woman Skipper

The courage of woman is, of course, never called in question; but is astonishing how often it goes unrewarded, presumably because physical bravery is considered to be men's business, and not women's. Almost unnoticed, for instance, Mrs. George Orne, the only woman skipper on the Atlantic Coast, recently brought her leaking schooner, after a collision in the fog off Cape Cod, safely into Boston Harbor. For a whole night and day she stuck to the wheel, and was backed up in her determination to bring her crew and her ship into port, in the face of real peril and immense difficulties, by her chief mate, her daughter Ethel. How absurd it is to say that any occupation can be closed arbitrarily to women!

POLICEWOMEN

An interesting petition has just been presented to the Mayor and Council of San Antonio, Texas, by six women of wealth and position, asking for permission to join the police force. Their request is framed in the most practical way possible, for they have mentioned the particular "beats" on which they consider women policemen could be most usefully employed, and they add that they could get 10,000 signatures from women to back up their petition. We have no doubt they could; and, knowing how the state of our streets over here demands the presence of women as policemen, we can only express our warm hope that the enterprising women of San Antonio will achieve their end without delay.

NEWS FROM THE BRANCHES

Again, silence, except from **Rosslund**, who report that they are going to attend the Carnival with literature to distribute, arrayed in Suffrage regalia—purple, white and green.

Someone has written to complain that there is too much of Victoria, and too little of other Cities. We quite agree that there ought to be as much about other localities as about Victoria, and we implore all the Branches, again,