generally held before the medical superintendent. The nurses receive no certificate.

They have lodging, full board and laundry, and after two months of probation they receive a salary of 12 krone monthly. After the six months they may enter the hospital as assistant nurses.

Besides the female nurses, each of whom has about ten patients, there are orderlies, taken from among the best conscripts (military service in Denmark is compulsory). Many of them have passed their final examination at the university to become lawyers, ministers, etc. Others are teachers, clerks, etc., besides a few artisans as cabinet-makers and saddlers. They first go through a drill for two and a half months, and then they go for six months to one of the military hospitals. During the first drill they are taught military deportment, discipline, etc., besides elementary anatomy, physiology, and first aid to the injured; in the hospital they take part in the nursing service under the supervision of the nurses, from whom they take orders as far as nursing is concerned.

The training at all our hospitals may be said to be based on the principle of training nurses for the use of the hospital. Outsiders may take part in this training, e.g. the Red Cross sisters are admitted on favourable terms to profit by this training. The Royal Lying-in Hospital liberally permits nurses who have been trained elsewhere to work there for about a month, that they may learn to take care of women and children after confinement. As to the relatively excellent training of our midwives, I shall send you information at another time. They pass an examination after training, they are certificated and registered, and no one else save a medical man or woman is permitted to assist at child-birth. The midwife very often leaves as soon as mother and baby are well at rest, and then the nurse takes her place.

For the second question : As far as I have been informed no organization of certificated nurses exists in this country.

## Wedding Bells.

A marriage is announced which has aroused no little interest in society and in the nursing world, and will very shortly take place between Dr. H. H. Rodman, of New York, U.S.A., and Eleanor, youngest daughter of the late Sir George Warrender. It will be remembered that Dr. Rodman was one of the medical officers on the American Hospital ship "Maine," and that Miss Eleanor Warrender accompanied Lady Randolph Churchill on its first voyage to South Africa. "Sister Eleanor" is very wealthy and a charming woman, and the marriage is one of sincere affection.

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## THE WOMAN'S DELIGHT.

We all know how difficult it is to keep the average oblong hot-water bag from slipping off the abdomen, but an ideal shape was on view in the Congress Annexe.



THE "WOMAN'S DELIGHT" HOT-WATER BAG.

This bag, which is triangular in shape, is specially designed to be applied to the abdomen, has moreover three rubber loops through which it can be fastened and kept in place, it is fitted with a removable flannel cover, and as the stopper is connected to the handle of the bag by a neat little nickel-plated chain, it cannot be lost, an advantage immediately apparent.



## THE "HOLDFAST UNLOSABLE STOPPER."

A progressive New York House has recently been granted a patent for this ingenious method of attaching the stopper to the water-bag under the title of the "Holdfast Unlosable Stopper."



