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Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, Superintendent of the American Army Nurse Corps, has realised the happiness quite recently of having some practical recommendations for the improvement of the Corps adopted, and from a copy of the amended regulations just issued, which is before us, we gather that good progress in army nursing organisation is being made in the United States.

Under the amended regulations the promotions of chief nurses will now be made on the result of a written examination. This at least fixes the minimum requirements that a nurse must possess before she can hold this important post. Although all the changes desired by trained nurses in the United States (some of which, we learn, were recommended by the Surgeon-General, and over-ruled by the decision of the Judge Advocate-General) have not yet been accepted, no doubt they soon will be. Improvements

are being made in the public services in America all the time; the people are bubbling over with vitality, and don't give their officials much time to indulge in platitudes.

The uniform of the Army Nurse Corps is to be white with adjustable cuffs, bishop collar, white

apron and cap. A badge has also been designed and will consist of the cross of the Medical Department, in green enamel, with gilt edge, to be worn pinned on the left side of the collar, or on a corresponding part of her dress when she is not in uniform. The appointment of an army nurse will be for a term of three years—the first three months of which she will serve in the United States, and

during which period she will receive special instruction in military nursing. The remuneration is not excessive considering the salaries of nurses with civil appointments, and what can be earned in private work. The pay and allowance of a nurse on active service is to be 40 dols. (£8) a month on duty in the United States and abroad. Chief nurses get 5 dols. (£1) extra, but when they have five or more nurses under them they get 10 dols. (£2) extra, and 25 dols. (£5) extra when they have ten or more subordinates. The remuneration of the Superintendent is about £360 a year.

We shall, however, hope

to see in the near future the Superintendent granted more authority in the Corps, as first-class discipline, so necessary in military nursing, will not be possible until some of the duties now undertaken by the Surgeon-General, are deputed to the Superintendent of Nurses. But all in good time.



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