

the rightful liberties of nurses, an increasing degree of professional responsibility must ultimately be granted to them, and the nursing profession in this country is to be congratulated on having forced the anti-registrationists from their untenable position and compelled them to realise that with or without their help the organisation of nursing as a profession for women is assured.

Annotations.

A MINIATURE HAMPTON COURT.

We hope that the effort to establish, in Wimbledon Park, Homes for the Widows and Daughters of Officers, which are a miniature copy of Hampton Court Palace, will receive widespread support. The scheme was inaugurated in 1899, before the declaration of hostilities in South Africa, the widows of seven military and five naval officers being temporarily provided with suites of apartments in Chelsea. It has now been decided to place the scheme on a permanent footing, and the Queen has devoted to the carrying out of this object £10,000, presented to her by an Australian gentleman resident in England, as a Coronation gift, and also £5,000 from Her Majesty's War Fund, and the money could scarcely have been expended on a better object. The poverty of some of the widows of gallant men who have given their lives for their country is great, and it is within our own knowledge that some are absolutely without means. Twenty-four suites of apartments are now being erected on a freehold property in Wimbledon Park, and it is proposed to increase these to sixty when funds permit. It is pathetic to learn that, though candidates are limited to those whose incomes do not exceed £100 per annum, and who are not under fifty years of age, sixty-seven ladies are eligible for the twenty-four vacancies.

CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL SANITARY BUREAU FOR COLLECTION OF INFORMATION RESPECTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The Sanitary Conference which sat in Paris, under the presidency of M. Barrère, the French Ambassador in Rome, had under its consideration a project for the creation of an International Sanitary Bureau for the collection of information respecting infectious diseases, such as plague, cholera, and yellow fever, and also for the harmonious working of those sanitary regulations in the East which have so greatly contributed within the last five years to the

preservation of public health as well as to the benefit of trade by the suppression of the old quarantine system. There is reason to believe that the proposal is favourably regarded by the Great Powers concerned, including England. The International Sanitary Bureau would have its headquarters in Paris, in recognition of the initiative taken by the French Government in the matter, France being the original promoter of the scheme.

JOIE DE VIVRE.

Writers of both prose and verse have, from time immemorial, waxed eloquent over the *joie de vivre*, but a little serious reflection of modern methods of existence makes one question their accuracy. An American contemporary has pointed out the dangers of being alive in somewhat the following terse fashion:—Drink water and get enteric. Drink milk and get tuberculosis. Drink whisky and get delirium tremens. Take soup and get Bright's disease. Eat meat and encourage apoplexy. Eat oysters and acquire toxæmiæ. Eat vegetables and weaken the system. Eat dessert and take to paresis. Smoke cigarettes and die early. Smoke cigars and get catarrh. Drink coffee and obtain nervous prostration. Drink wine and get the gout. In order to be entirely healthy one must eat nothing, drink nothing, smoke nothing, and even before breathing one should make sure that the air is properly sterilised. With such prospects, it says much for our contemporary's courage that it should exert itself to ask: "Is life worth living?"

"THE DAILY PAPER."

We welcome an addition to the morning papers in *The Daily Paper*, which made its first appearance on Monday, edited by that brilliant journalist, Mr. W. T. Stead. There is room for it, for, though not primarily a women's paper—why, indeed, should women have a paper to themselves?—it adopts an attitude in relation to woman's position in the body politic which is as just as it is unusual. Here is a sample:—

"The Fiscal question is pre-eminently one to be decided from the point of view of the Housewife. It is a cupboard question. Until the House-Mother—the Loaf Giver—is represented in Parliament we shall offer uncompromising opposition to any proposal to tax her children's bread."

All success and prosperity to *The Daily Paper* and its policy!

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