

The only article which seems to have been issued daily was the allowance of beer. She describes watching the nurses going to their dinner, each with a black bottle under her arm, and then taking it and the remains of their rations to their bedrooms for future consumption.

Miss Mollett, who was Matron at Chelsea Infirmary many years ago, has often described to me how that when she was first appointed there was only one night nurse in the whole infirmary, and this one nurse was "*occasionally* sober." She was soon got rid of, and a better state of things inaugurated. At present we have a night nurse to each ward, an extra relief nurse, and a night Superintendent.

(To be concluded.)

THE PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

Another State (Florida) must now be added to those in the United States of America in which nurses' registration laws are enacted, bringing the total number of States in which such laws are in force up to 38. The current issue of *The American Journal of Nursing* prints the full text of the Bill, under which a Board of Examiners, composed of five nurses, is appointed by the Governor. We offer hearty congratulations to the trained nurses of this State.

California's new Bill, which places registration under the State Board of Health, with a nurse director in charge of the details of the work, was signed by the Governor on June 13th. Illinois also has a new Bill, as it preferred to introduce the changes which experience in the working of the original Bill had proved necessary in this way rather than by amendments.

The Graduate Nurses' Association of British Columbia also discussed a Nurses' Registration Bill at their first Annual Meeting, and Miss Wright, the President, who occupied the chair, explained its provisions. The Bill provides for the establishment of the Graduate Nurses' Association, a corporate body, with officers and an executive council of twelve members, whose powers are laid down in the Bill, to examine and appoint nurses as registered nurses, and provides penalties against fraud and misrepresentation in using the title of registered nurse. A register will be kept by the Association, and only those nurses whose names are therein will be allowed to describe themselves as registered nurses in British Columbia.

NEWS FROM THE NETHERLANDS (HOLLAND).

OUTLIVING NURSES.

It will be soon allowed by way of experiment that a group of certificated nurses of the municipal hospitals at Amsterdam live outside the hospital.

The Council of Amsterdam has agreed to this in consequence of an address presented to them by the Nosokomos Society.

The arguments which were mentioned in the address are:—

1. That a part of the male nurses are allowed to live outside the hospitals.
2. That the limitation of free time after service, a result of the stringent regulations in the hospitals, induces many nurses to leave the hospital immediately after having obtained their certificate.
3. That the opportunity to spend all their leisure time outside the hospital in quite different surroundings will be of great advantage to the nurses; they will then return refreshed and cheerful to their patients. They hear and see what happens in the world around them and take an interest in it, whereas hospital life makes them one-sided and narrow-minded, just because all their interests are concentrated on one point, and the echoes of the world outside penetrate so little.

A NEW CABINET.

The result of the great elections in June has been that the former Conservative Cabinet has fallen and that now a Liberal Cabinet will come in office.

The chance of obtaining Government Registration for trained nurses hereby becomes considerably greater.

With new courage Nosokomos will again urge the Government to introduce State protection, and supervision of the instruction and examination of the nursing profession.

THE DUTCH RED CROSS.

The Head Committee of the Dutch Red Cross asked at the General Meeting permission to establish a hospital for 70 to 100 beds, that could become a school for instruction.

The funds necessary for the erection have already been subscribed. On the proposal of one of the Sections, it was decided, first to appoint a Committee which should inquire if such a school for instruction was really necessary for the employees of the Red Cross, or if these could be given sufficient instruction at the existing hospitals.

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