

probationer in such institution after the 1st January, 1915, shall be required to produce (1) a certificate of having satisfactorily completed the sixth school standard; or (2) any education certificate recognised as equivalent to the above. Where an applicant for admission to training is not in possession of any of the foregoing certificates, the hospital authorities shall require her to pass, before commencing her training, an examination which shall include English composition and simple précis writing and arithmetic equal to that prescribed for the sixth standard of a primary school. The Council reserves to itself the right of pointing out to the responsible authority of a recognised institution any matter in which the foregoing requirements seem to the Council to be insufficiently met, and of withholding, suspending, or withdrawing recognition in any case which remains unsatisfactory."

Dr. Wood insisted on the necessity of such a regulation; at present some hospitals exacted an educational standard from entrants, but others did not. Uniformity was necessary, and his proposal was one which had already been adopted by the Transvaal Council.

Drs. Darley-Hartley and Mitchell generally supported the proposal, and the motion was carried.

When the South African Trained Nurses' Association gets under way, it will no doubt be able to take part in drafting regulations for the training and conduct of its members.

REGISTRATION NEWS.

The *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing* has an article this month by Miss Anna C. Jammé, R.N., in which we are informed that the State Board of Health for California held its first examination for nurses' registration on December 5th last. The examination questions were selected from a list of questions submitted by the Superintendents of the training schools in California given to their pupils during the past year and approved by the Board. We are pleased to note that the first group of questions came under the heading of "Nursing Ethics," No. 1 being "Define Nursing Ethics." A most interesting picture appears of "The Members of the State Health Board and First Group of Nurses to Take Examination," evidently taken in the Examination Hall, where the platform is draped with the Stars and Stripes and the State Flags.

How many more years will the nurses of the United Kingdom be content to wait before such a happy group can be taken of the General Nursing Council and its first diplomées?

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.

Charing Cross Hospital seems to have entered upon an era of increased energy, and, let us hope, of increased prosperity, under the régime of its new Chairman, Mr. George Verity, Hon. Colonel of the Royal Engineers. At last every ward in the hospital is in use, for funds to furnish the empty wards, for which the Committee have been appealing for years past, were, on the outbreak of war in August, speedily forthcoming when the plea was made that they should be furnished to enable the Committee to place them at the disposal of the War Office for sick and wounded soldiers. Very comfortable they look. In no sense show wards, everything necessary has been provided on a generous scale, and every bed has its own bed table, on castors, which can be moved to the foot of the bed when not in use.

Specially noticeable is a locker designed by Mr. Stanley Boyd, F.R.C.S., which serves the dual purpose of a locker and seat. Lower than most lockers, it can be slipped under the bed, and consists of a tubular framework, with several drawers. Fitting closely into the frame over all is a broad piece of polished wood which forms a comfortable seat. The whole is easily removed from the frame, and easily cleaned.

There is now accommodation for 90 patients sent in by the War Office, and the nursing staff has been increased from 64 to 85.

This, as may be imagined, has necessitated considerable alterations in the arrangements for the nursing staff, and additional bedrooms have been provided at the top of the new block, in which every inch of room has been utilized to the best advantage, for land in the centre of London is priceless.

The new dining-room for the nurses is the personal gift of the Chairman, who has spared no pains to make the room a pleasant one. The walls are cream coloured, with a green dado; the chairs are of plain fumed oak, with leather seats easily taken in and out; the "daylight" system of electric lighting is installed, by which a pleasant light is diffused, far less trying to the eyes than the methods ordinarily employed. In the serving pantry adjoining the dining-room there is a hot cupboard, heated by gas, so that meals can be served really hot. A handsome clock, which has a special bracket of its own, has been given by Mr. Tower, the Vice-Chairman.

Opposite the dining-room is a convenient sewing-room, and beyond again, facing Agar Street, Miss Heather Bigg, the Matron, will

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