

Sanitary Inspectors' Association, formed in Edinburgh the previous week.

The newly appointed president and secretary of the latter Association were present, viz., Lady Leslie M'Kenzie and Miss Jessie Swanson.

After some discussion it was unanimously decided that the old society should amalgamate with the new Scottish Health Visitors and Women Sanitary Inspectors' Association.

Read "Home Fires in France," by Dorothy Cawfield. This American writer has given us—who love France—a delightful book of personal sketches full of unselfishness and loving kindness. The "pie-faced" stenographer, Ellen Boardman, from Kansas, who cannot bear that the States should be out of the war, and volunteers for work in France, will remain clearly defined in memory as does the inimitable "Mrs. Wiggs" of pre-war days. We hope, now that the war is at an end, America does not intend to carry off all its literary laurels. No British woman, so far, has made her mark in war literature, whilst America has to her credit the works of Mildred Aldrich, whose "From a Hill Top on the Marne" is a little gem of genius, for which future generations of English-speaking peoples will owe gratitude and praise.

Professor Hartmann states that there are more than 33,000 fatal cancer cases in France every year, and more than a tenth of these cases are in Paris. France has hitherto lagged behind England and America in this campaign, but she now intends to make up lost time.

At a recent meeting in Paris the Franco-Anglo-American League decided to fight this terrible disease by every means in its power. It is stated in the press that "a committee of ladies will undertake the nursing of these cases in their homes and in hospital." Let us hope this is not true. If any good is to result, the first thing the League has to do is to supply skilled nursing for these poor sufferers.

The Massachusetts State Board of Health strongly advocates the open-air treatment of influenza-pneumonia patients. In Boston they were put in tents or wooden shacks, so built that the sun fell directly on them at some time during each clear day. Air blew freely over the patients, who were kept warm and comfortable. When put in the fresh air their high temperature declined.

*The Johns Hopkins Alumnae Magazine* states

editorially on the Eight-Hour Day for Student Nurses in Training Schools:—

"The Trustees of the Johns Hopkins Hospital are enlightened in regard to the necessity of conserving the health of their pupil nurses, and many years ago responded to Miss Nutting's appeal to establish an eight-hour work day for student nurses.

We are so accustomed to this enlightenment it is a shock to realize the great majority of schools are still working their pupils ten and even twelve hours.

All of our graduates, in charge of hospitals and training schools throughout the country, should endeavour, for the time is ripe, to begin plans for establishing an eight-hour day for their pupils.

The reasons for a shorter work day are so obvious it would seem almost impertinent to enumerate them to Boards and Superintendents of Hospitals and Schools whose object in maintaining such places is the conservation of health and life.

There will be, of course, obstacles to overcome, especially by the smaller schools, but where there is a will there is a way.

For instance, when the California State Bureau of Labour decided to include the work day of pupil nurses in their eight-hour programme, consternation and indignation reigned supreme, but the law was passed, and has for the last five years been intelligently enforced.

Now an eight-hour day for student nurses in training is accepted by all the schools in California, and is considered a wholly reasonable and practical accomplishment."

The following alterations have been made in the salaries paid to the Nursing Staff at the Westminster Hospital:—Assistant Matron, £60, rising annually by £5 to £80 (former rate, £40 to £60). Sisters, £50, rising annually by £5 to £75 (former rate, £35 to £55). Staff nurses in charge of electrical and other departments, £45 to £60. Nurses, first year £16, second £24, third £26 (former rate, first year nil, second year £20, third year £24). The term of engagement has been altered from four years to three years.

Amongst the miniatures at the Royal Academy this year is a charming one of "the Matron of the Prince of Wales' Hospital for Officers, Staines; and V.P., N.U.T.N., M.M.C.," by Hilda V. Cook. Mrs. Barton is wearing her Matrons' Council badge.

We regret that we have been unable to award a prize in our Competition this week.

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