Two classes have entered the training school since our organization. As a result of the experiment of student government in our class, the younger classes have adopted it and the whole school is now under one constitution and by-laws. The authority is vested in the Student Council, which includes a member from each class, the president and the honorary president.

A very much better understanding exists between Preliminaries, Juniors, Seniors, and graduate nurses, and much better discipline in the school. It is also giving the students a good training in parliamentary procedure, especially as we affiliate for a course of lectures on Parliamentary Law. We have been privileged by the Alumnae to rearrange the library and appoint two of the members as librarians.

It surely would be splendid to see student government established in all training schools for nurses, because of the many lessons it teaches the students.

CRACKED ICE FOR THE HOSPITAL UTILITY ROOM

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PROVIDING cracked ice for ice-bags, for use in giving treatments, etc., has always been a problem in the hospital where no provision has been made for a supply to be kept in the utility room, or easily accessible to it.

The sight of ice-bags on the kitchen sink, waiting to be filled, is no unusual sight in such an institution. Even in the care of typhoid patients it is difficult to prevent the ice-bag being taken into the kitchen if that be the only source of the supply.

There are many ways of solving this problem. The accompanying illustration shows one which seems especially good where space must be considered. It is a single wood ice-cream container for a five-gallon can. The compartment is filled with cracked ice each morning and water from melted ice drawn off. There is no drain pipe connection, although this could easily be made. This, however, would interfere with moving the container in cleaning the floor.

In the institution where this method is being used the saving of cracked ice has been great. The superintendent has placed it as high as one-third to one-half. This alone should make some such container a very desirable part of the utility room equipment. The Instructor of Nursing Procedure and those responsible for careful detail in nursing technique will declare it not only desirable, but necessary.

SINGLE WOOD ZINC LINED CONTAINER

Size 21 x 21"—Height 26½"

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OPPORTUNITY IN AFRICA

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SOMEONE, not long ago, said to me, "Once you acquire the taste for African pepper you will never be fully satisfied elsewhere. Though you go home on furlough, weary because of the many palavers and the inroads of the climate upon your health, yet, after a few months in America, you find yourself longing for the variety of experience, the charm of roughing life in everyday contact with this primitive people and the sweet consciousness that your life is counting for good." It is the "Lure of Africa."