

quaint chairs stand on either side of the door. In the library are a writing desk, a table, several chairs and a splendid bookcase, all examples of the same handicraft.

The dining room is intended to elicit constant exclamations of delight and admiration. At the opening ceremony refreshments were served here, on tables gay with white chrysanthemums and garlands of smilax, and the scene was truly a delightful one. A dado of dull red, three feet wide, runs round the room and bears a suggestion of yellow. This dado is headed by a narrow moulding in pale yellow, the remainder of the walls and the ceiling being dull white. Great red foliage plants stand in the windows, the windows have red hangings and the lamps red shades. The lecture room adjoining is finished similarly to the dining-room and is furnished with light oak chairs.

There are forty double bedrooms in the Home and ten single bedrooms, besides bathrooms and lavatories. One of the most admirable features of it all is the little "rest-room" on the ground floor, where the nurses may run in for a minute, wash their hands and smooth their hair, without the trouble of a trip to the third or fourth floors.

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The graduating exercises were held in the theatre of the institution. The graduating and pupil nurses, who were seated together, made a pretty picture, the former being dressed in pure white, and the latter in the regulation blue uniform with white caps and facings.

Miss Snively, the Lady Superintendent, read the nineteenth annual report of the training school, which was exceedingly interesting, and received with much applause.

"CANADIA."

A High Handed Proceeding.

At the ordinary fortnightly meeting of the East Preston Board of Guardians held at the Workhouse, under the chairmanship of Sir Henry Fletcher, Bart., C.B., M.P., on Tuesday last, a formal resolution was passed to the effect that the Superintendent Nurse be dismissed, and that the consent of the Local Government Board be obtained to such dismissal. With regard to this most arbitrary and unwarrantable action a correspondent writes:—

"Referring to the case of Miss Margaret F. Rogers and the East Preston Board of Guardians, you will be astonished to learn that the Board this morning passed a resolution dismissing her, and this in the face of her appeal to the Local Government Board. The facts are as follows:—At their meeting a fortnight ago the Board had before them Miss Rogers' letter, and they decided, as you know, to send on to the Local Government Board copies of two reports, and made no observations on Miss Rogers' letter, as requested by the Local Government Board. This communication was, as usual, transcribed, and sent to Miss Rogers for her observation, and this she received on 30th ult. It is dated 29th, and Miss Rogers has been preparing her reply to send to the Local Government Board, having only three clear days, including Sunday, and yet without waiting to get a reply from the Local Government Board, the Guardians have passed the foregoing resolution of dismissal. A more brutal and high-handed proceeding surely never was perpetrated by the most obtuse Board before. I trust you will make this matter public, through the influential medium of your paper."

New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

BLANCHE LEIGH SOAP.

Madame Blanche Leigh opened her new premises at 126, Oxford Street last week, when it was a real privilege to be allowed to inspect the numerous perfumed antiseptic soaps and the famous toilet preparations formerly used in the time of Marie Antoinette at the Court of Versailles; also, the very large collection of her various manufactures and elegant perfumery so suitable for Christmas presents.



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She has two large factories in France, where she treats her soaps from a hygienic point of view, and analysis has shown that all the ingredients are of the purest quality. It is noteworthy that Madame Blanche Leigh supervises the making of her own soap from start to finish, thereby gaining immense superiority over many so-called manufacturers, who are in the habit, we understand, of purchasing the bar soap, and then devoting their attention solely to the perfuming and ornamentation of it, after which they dispose of the manipulation as their special product.

Blanche Leigh Soap has the great advantage

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