

one sees are surprising. Owing to the life the Indian lives, he is subject to diseases of a peculiar nature which are not often seen in a hospital, even in large cities. It is interesting to watch these diseases during their course, and it is surprising to see how often they end favourably under unavoidably unfavourable conditions.

"The social advantages the nurse has are not always what one desires. The life is often trying and monotonous, and yet there are some things in the strange life on the frontier that are not devoid of interest.

During the few leisure hours or days that come to one there is time to visit—on horseback over mountain trails, or in a vehicle over rocky, sandy roads—some of the interesting canyons, caves, and old Aztec ruins which abound in the western country.

The expense one is necessarily put to for living is not great, so that, taking everything into consideration, the life of a nurse in the Indian Service is not altogether undesirable.

"Fort Defiance was an old army post some thirty-five or forty years ago, and there are still traces of the old fort and a number of the officers' quarters, but they will soon have to give place to new brick and stone edifices. The climate here is delightful if one can stand living at so high an altitude. We are 7,700 feet above the sea.

The school is situated at the mouth of Bonito Canyon, which is beautiful with its varied colours of rocks and verdure. In some places the walls are 500 feet high.

"It is a pleasant pastime to take the Indian pupils' some sixty or seventy, out on the mountains and visit their parents in their hogans (houses) and see them weaving the far-famed Navajo Indian blankets or rugs with the crudest of home-made frames. The way they spin the wool seems almost a miracle. They have for spinning a round stick about 20 in. long, to which is fastened a circular piece 4 in. from the lower end, which rests on the ground. They fix a roll on this little round stick, and then twirl it around and pull and stretch it until they get it as fine as they want it for weaving purposes. They sit on skins laid on the ground, and there they weave all day long.

Some of their designs are very beautiful. I like to buy their rugs because that is the way they make their living, and I have bought many to decorate my room.

"The children in an Agency school are taken right from their wild state, clothed, fed, and taught the English language and industrial work."

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THE "LEICESTER" NURSES' HOME.

The really beautiful new Nurses' Home, which has been provided by the munificence of the Earl of Leicester as an annexe to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, was formally opened on Thursday in last week by the Countess of Leicester with becoming ceremonial.

The Home is in the English Renaissance style, of red brick with stone dressings. The front next St. Stephen's Road is in three compartments, those at the ends having a slight projection and large bays on the ground floor. The flat roofs of these form balconies for the rooms on the first floor, access to which is obtained by French casements.

In arranging the inside of the Home, every detail for the comfort of the nursing staff has been taken into consideration. On the ground floor there are a reading-room, a Matron's room, and various other rooms required for administration purposes, and nearly all the rest of the space there and on the floors above is devoted to the nurses' private accommodation, each nurse, to the number of about seventy-two, having a bedroom to herself with an average dimension of 12 ft. by 10 ft. On the first floor is a small three-bedded sick ward, which will be reserved for the use of any nurse who may be temporarily incapacitated. It has the advantage that its windows open on to the balustraded roof of one of the octagonal bays aforementioned, where a patient may very pleasantly take the air and sun. On every floor there are lavatories, linen-rooms, and bath-rooms; and to the rearward of the building every floor has an emergency fireproof staircase. Then each bedroom has been provided with a small hot-water radiator, which the occupant of the room can herself control. The heating boilers are in the basement, where also there is plenty of accommodation for bicycles. The lavatories and bath-rooms are floored with red tiles, and they have a dado of crystal. The floors of the corridors are of Rust mosaic.

The furnishing of the two principal reception rooms, the reading-room, and the nurses' sitting-room is a matter of more than common interest, because it has been done anonymously. In accordance with instructions the reading-room has been covered with patent Rixdorfer parquet, and a handsome Axminster bordered carpet in the centre, with suitable rugs for the fireplace. The furniture is of polished oak, and includes centre, reading, and writing tables, Chesterfield sofa, lounge chairs, chalet occasional chairs with fine tapestry covers, and half-a-dozen solid oak chairs covered in Genoa velvet, while the seat round the bay window is fitted with hair cushions covered with nut-brown Utrecht velvet. The sitting-room also is most

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