

self-contained, spotlessly neat ward-kitchen, containing a smiling ward maid to match. There is also a receiving ward, bath-room, and lavatories, and a room which can be fitted up as a small single-bedded ward. Then comes a day-room, with its little groups of convalescents round the fire, then a second male ward.

Upstairs on exactly the same plan are the women's and children's wards, the latter was organised by Miss Evans, for before her advent there was no children's ward. It always seems to be full and appreciated greatly now. Beyond there is a little block used as an infectious ward, which is to be pulled down, I believe,

Upstairs the Matron, the Resident Surgeon, the Night Sister and nurses, and the servants are accommodated.

Miss Evans has put the training system on its right basis, and her probationers should do well. They are six in number, four on day duty, two on night duty, receiving in addition to uniform an honorarium of £6 the first year, £12 the second year, and £18 the third year. The training is for three years, and an examination by two members of the medical board has to be passed before the certificate is granted. There is a two months' trial allowed before the would-be probationer signs on, and she must be, of course, over twenty-one years of age.



A CORNER OF THE MATRON'S SITTING-ROOM.

and turned into a modern, fully-equipped operating theatre.

To return to the existing building. The nurses' sitting-room is on the first floor, a quaint room with deep window seats, its twin being painted white and used at present as an operating theatre. It has good sterilisers, table, &c., and the very utmost is made out of it; but it is structurally unsuited to its purpose, and the surgeons of Whitehaven will doubtless rejoice when they are given adequate accommodation in which to minister with the knife to suffering humanity. On this floor as well the Day Sisters and nurses sleep.

There is as well a Staff Nurse who finds plenty of occupation in the out-patient surgery and operating theatre, and Miss Evans has secured the services of three excellent Sisters from first-class training schools. One from Bart.'s one from Glasgow and one from Preston. Two of these have charge of the wards during the day, while the third is the night superintendent. There are besides ward-maids, house servants, cook, &c., a porter, and there is a resident house surgeon. There is a qualified dispenser.

Of course there is still much to be done—painting, renovating, reflooring, as well as the theatre; but much of the worst of the re-

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