## The Hospital World.

### DR. STEEVENS' HOSPITAL, DUBLIN.

Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent, and the nurses of Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, were recently " At Home " to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association. It was rather a pity, but could not be helped, that this date was the same as the opening of the Fête held in Lord Iveagh's grounds for Sir Patrick Dun's Needlework Guild, as it prevented many being present who would otherwise have enjoyed

erroneous rumour abroad, which it is well to point out is totally without truth, that Madame Steevens (the joint founder) " had a pig's face and ate out of a silver trough."

We also went over the comparatively new Nurses' Home attached to the hospital, which is replete with every comfort. Miss Kelly has followed the example of Tredegar House, and her probationers spend their first three months in the Home. Besides having a good insight into administration and catering for the staff, they learn the rudiments of nursing,



Nurses' Sitting Room, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin.

the hospitality of Miss Kelly and her nurses. After a most delectable tea, strawberries and cream, fruit salads, etc., the nurses adjourned to the very quaint old grass courtyard round which the hospital is built for croquet and tennis. Others, with " still the ruling passion strong," preferred being conducted over the picturesque old hospital, which was the first built in Dublin, in 1733, and was at the beginning of the last century the only one to receive fever patients. There is a vulgar and

such as bedmaking, taking of pulses, temperatures, respirations, etc., etc. The advantages of such a scheme are obvious, and, whenever possible, should be copied. The Matron is able to detect whether a woman is fit for the profession or not before experimenting with her on the poor sick; and, on the other hand, the " Pro.," if suitable, does not enter the wards a mere neophyte to undergo the ordeal of having all her mistakes committed under the critical eyes of the patients and others.