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In no way is the advancement of medical and surgical science, and in consequence of the nursing of the sick, more convincingly demonstrated than in the improved structural arrangements of hospitals and kindred institutions for the treatment of the sick, and the reconstruction and rebuilding of many of these institutions has been necessitated of recent years in order that they may be equipped in the most perfect manner for their beneficent work. firmary for occupation will begin." This is an arrangement which will be keenly appreciated by the nursing staff.

The new infirmary contains 592 beds, apportioned as follows:—Medical 240, surgical 300, gynæcological 20, and special cases 32. Each surgical block has its own operating theatre and annexes, and the claim is made that the Infirmary is now one of the finest hospitals in the world for the treatment and study of disease, and the instruction of students. One point we could wish had been considered in constructing the new building is the addition of a department for paying patients. Both for the sake of the public, and for the better instruction of students and nurses such an ad-



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One of the most recent examples of rebuilding is the Manchester Royal Infirmary, in a healthy and open part of the town facing Whitworth Park, which will be on view on Friday, October 16th, to the press in the morning, and in the afternoon the official inspection of the Committee of Management, and the Medical Board will take place.

On Monday, October 19th, and all through the week visitors will be admitted. On Monday at a charge of 5s.; on Tuesday, at 2s. 6d.; Wednesday and Thursday, at 1s.; and Friday, and Saturday, at 6d. a head.

A practical touch is that all the visits of the public will be paid before any patients are admitted, and "immediately atter the visiting week the final clearing to prepare the Indition to our hospitals, usual enough in the United States, but not common in this country, is very desirable.

The accident and out-patient departments are specially suited for the class of work for which they are used; and in the basement of the former block is a long series of rooms for electrical and X-ray work, massage, and medicated baths.

And yet, we feel sure, there will be many a heartache amongst the nurses when they say goodbye to the dear sombre old hospital, where for so many years such fine work has been done in relieving the suffering of Manchester's poor. Grim outside, it is homely within, and the "M.R.I." will be long held in affectionate remembrance by both nurses and patients.



