

## ON THE WAY TO SAN FRANCISCO.

BY OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR MADAM,—The good ship *Philadelphia* brought us safely through the perils of the sea into the haven of New York in the morning of June 3rd. It was with feelings of great relief that we passed out of the war zone. The captain—called by an American passenger "a very wise man"—proved himself to be so; during that time of tension, namely two days and a night, he kept an anxious and continuous vigil upon the bridge. He had the boats slung out seawards, and the ropes slackened, ready for any emergency. Hoping for the best he was wisely prepared for the worst. The wharf was crowded with people waving welcomes to their friends on board, and among them we were delighted to spy Miss Dock, and from that moment to this we have received abundant kindness and hospitality from herself and others.

In the afternoon Miss Goodrich and Miss Nutting called upon us. The following day we lunched with Miss Dock at the "Women's Exchange," and dined with Miss Nutting and Miss Goodrich at the "Women's Faculty Club." On Saturday we lunched with Miss Noyes at

the Bellevue Hospital, and later by the hospitality of Miss Goodrich we had the privilege of witnessing the Greek play of Euripides, "Iphigenia in Tauris," in the Stadium.

This hotel, named in honour of "the first lady of our land," has the distinction of being the first and only one for the exclusive use of women. It is comfortable, conveniently situated, and well equipped. Visits of inspection to two of New York's finest hospitals were so full of interest, and, let me add, edification, that I feel I ought to share my pleasure and interest with the readers of the JOURNAL.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL,

also called the Church Hospital, is a private institution analogous to our nursing home, but

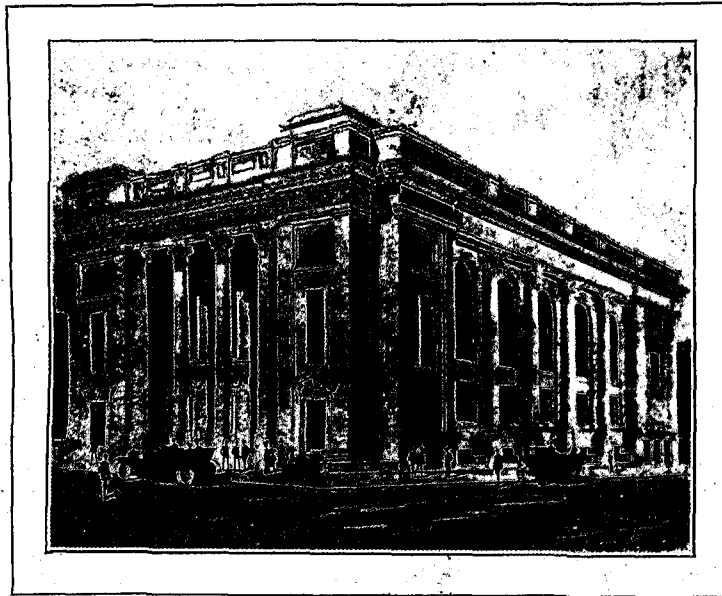
in no other way does the analogy serve. Structurally it is magnificent. The situation, too, is very fine. It stands on high ground in the vicinity of the City College and Columbia University, and immediately opposite to the great unfinished Cathedral of the American Church, which when complete will be the second largest in the world. Accompanied by Miss Goodrich, the former directress, we were conducted over the building by Mrs. Bath, the present one. The Superintendent is the Rev. A. F. Clover. The spacious and imposing marble hall is supported by four columns. At the top of a flight of steps leading from the hall is the chapel, and the warm rich colouring of the east window as seen through the glass doors is very effective against the white marble.

The building contains 350 beds, but can

accommodate 400 patients if necessary. It is built on the pavilion system, the administrative block being in the centre. The general impression I received was that of space, loftiness, and freshness. The tall columns which support the ceiling at both ends of the wards perhaps aided the impression, and recalled to my mind a picture I have seen of the Temple of Esculapius containing sick people, except that in this case the sick are much better off! The

floors are tiled under the beds and down the centre, giving a very cool and clean appearance. The hospital is equipped with the most modern requirements of hygiene, and medical science, and the X Ray department is the most perfect I have seen. The nurses' residence, which is a Vanderbilt endowment, is luxuriously comfortable. Here a six months' preliminary course is given. The well equipped "diet kitchen" affords to the pupils the opportunity of a very thorough course in dietetics, given by a dietitian who is a university graduate.

I was very pleased to see that children undergoing operations for adenoids and tonsils are provided with cots for one night. Seven cots are reserved for this purpose. English hospitals please copy.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, SAN FRANCISCO.

Where Dr. Aked, LL.D., addressed the delegates to the Nurses' Convention on Sunday last on "The Nurse: Her History and Mystery," and where the meetings will be held.

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