

THE CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

THE NURSES' HOME.

The Nurses' Home, Chelsea Hospital for Women, Arthur Street, Chelsea, recently visited by the Queen, is a delightful example of what such a home should be, and we do not wonder that the Nurses, in the public press, have made acknowledgement to those friends of the hospital who have provided it.

The hospital is next door neighbour to the Chelsea Infirmary (now St. Luke's Hospital), the boundary wall of which forms one side of the covered way leading to the Home, on the other side, the "way" (the flat roof of which is supported at intervals by pillars) is open to the tennis ground, a most popular possession of the hospital which is constantly in use, being booked in advance. Roughly it is

windows on to the tennis court, and must be a haven of rest after the strenuous work of the wards. There is a writing-room and library, with a good collection of books, which will in future be maintained by a club subscription of rs. per annum from all the nursing staff. The librarian is a senior staff nurse and the assistant a junior one.

Each Sister, nurse and probationer has a bedroom of her own with hot and cold water laid on, a dressing chest, with swing glass which practically takes the place of a long mirror, a roomy wardrobe with hangers, and a small cupboard on the wall which can be used for medicine bottles or for any small treasures, and other carefully thought out details go to the making of as comfortable and charming a bedroom as heart of nurse could desire.

There is a plentiful supply of bathrooms—more than plentiful, indeed, for the present staff—but it is anticipated that when the addition to the hospital is completed the Nursing Staff will be doubled. The staff are also fortunate in having every facility for hair shampooing, including driers, on each floor; a small laundry, with porcelain tubs, and electric irons, and driers, where they can launder small personal belongings, such as blouses, stockings, &c.; a room where they can make tea, it being understood that they wash up subsequently, and leave everything in order.

A self-contained flat, the whole of which is warmed by central heating, is provided for sick nurses. Here the walls are of a soft grey tone, with a blue band under the picture rail, and the screens and quilts are of a gay rose colour, printed with white hawthorn.

The Home is charming because though there is everything that the heart of nurse can desire, and, as the Queen said, nothing seems to have been forgotten, there is no garishness or ostentation, everything is impressed with the mark of good taste. We congratulate the Ladies Committee which has taken so much trouble to achieve this result, the Matron, Miss S. H. Stevenson, S.R.N., the Secretary, Mr. H. Jennings, and last, but not least the Nursing Staff on their delightful home.



H.M. THE QUEEN. Miss S. H. STEVENSON, S.R.N. THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY, K.G., M.V.O. Miss A. B. HISCOCK, S.R.N.

THE QUEEN AT THE NURSES' HOME, CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

used by the night nurses in the morning, the secretarial staff during the dinner hour, the resident medical staff in the afternoon, and the nursing staff in the late afternoon for the rest of the evening.

The Sister-in-Charge is Miss Amy B. Hiscock, S.R.N., who is very proud of the Home, and takes great pains in keeping it up to a high standard of perfection. It consists of three floors, in addition to the ground floor, and has been most carefully thought out and planned. The staff nurses and probationers have each a sitting-room, which, if the folding doors are opened, makes a large room in which the nurses can take up the carpet if they will, and dance to their hearts' content.

The prevailing tone of the walls is a primrose yellow, which accords admirably with the carpets, furniture upholstered in blue, and delightful cushions, of charming material, inviting rest.

The Sisters' Sitting-room, like the Nurses, opens by French

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

The 36th Congress of the Institute will be held at Edinburgh from July 20th to 25th.

H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., K.T., G.C.V.O., has accepted the Honorary Presidentship of the Congress, and the Right Hon. Sir John Gilmour, Bart., D.S.O., M.P., Secretary for Scotland, as President, will deliver his inaugural address to the Congress on Monday, July 20th.

The Right Hon. the Lord Provost (Sir William L. Sleight) is President of the Local Committee, who have in hand the arrangements for receiving and entertaining the Delegates and Members, who are expected to number over 1,200 to 1,500. Already 675 Delegates have been appointed from nearly 400 Sanitary Authorities from all parts of the United Kingdom. Delegates will be attending from Australia, India, South Africa, China, Egypt, France, Japan, U.S.A., New Zealand, Canada, Poland and British West Indies.

The Lecture to the Congress will be delivered by Sir Leslie Mackenzie, M.D., LL.D., F.R.S.E.

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