

that two courses of theoretical lectures are given during the year by well-known professors. Probationers are employed in the wards of the Friederichshain (the Hospital before-mentioned), which belongs to the town—the Nursing having been undertaken by the Victoria Sisters.

The hours on duty are somewhat differently arranged to those in English Hospitals. Sisters and Staff Nurses begin at 6 a.m., Probationers at 7 o'clock. All go off duty at 9 p.m., when the Night Nurses enter the wards. An hour is allowed each day for exercise, and a half holiday once a week. Night duty only lasts one month, and does not recur more than four times a year.

The Sisters have bed and sitting-rooms in the different blocks of which they are in charge; each Probationer has a cubicle in the house of the Superintendent, with whom they live in daily intercourse.

After gaining all this information, we are conducted by our hostess through the Nursing Home; everything here is most comfortable and in excellent order; it is conducted very much like our own Nursing Homes, and has a very English air about it.

We hear that it is by no means easy for applicants to become Probationers; but, replies our informant, smiling, "once within our 'charmed circle,' few wish to withdraw; it is unanimously said to be well worth the trouble."

The Empress Frederick, we are told, constantly visits the Nurses in the Home and Hospital; and distributes with her own hands the certificates and prizes given away at the end of the year. Also we hear that the Christmas entertainments are of the most unique kind, always patronised by Her Majesty and other members of the Royal family, and are largely assisted by notable musicians and artists.

But now the evening is drawing in, and the atmosphere begins to get chilly and raw; moreover, the time of our genial hostess is precious; so with many expressions of gratitude we take our leave, and pass out again through those heavy iron gates, by which "all sorts and conditions of men" are daily admitted.

III.

As we have said before, there are no less than seventeen stations where the Sisters of the Victoriahaus are nursing. Of these the largest undertaking is the town Hospital named after the late Emperor "Friederichshain." This Hospital belongs to the town of Berlin, and is under the administration of a separate "curatorium" or board, which is chosen by the municipality, and of which the well-known Professor Virchow is the head.

Soon after the Victoriahaus was established, a

petition was lodged asking for Sisters to take charge of a certain number of blocks in the Hospital.

In the spring of 1884, seven Sisters were installed there, and gradually, as new blocks were opened, the numbers were increased to fifty-five.

The Hospital stands high, and though perhaps a little out of the beaten track, has the advantages of an open situation and of very good air.

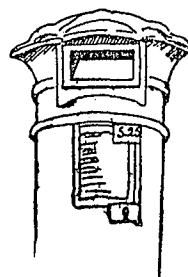
There are all the latest scientific improvements, and a most beautiful theatre block, where the operation room is replete with every surgical requirement, and very much "up to date" in the matter of instruments. There is a smaller theatre for ovariectomy, and a small ward where very serious cases can have strict medical supervision.

The Nursing Staff enjoy excellent health, which speaks well for the food and general sanitary arrangements. The wards are made bright with palms, ferns, and flowers, and the walls, in many German Hospitals so bare, are hung with gaily coloured pictures. In every respect it is an ideal Hospital.

One work which comes nearer the heart of the Empress than any other is the "Kaiser and Kaiserin Friederich-Kinder-Krankenhaus," established in memory of the late Emperor for the relief of the suffering little ones, especially those suffering from acute contagious diseases. A special block for diphtheria has now been opened, of which disease, alas! so many German children die.

In San Remo, where several sorrowing days were spent by the Royal family, a small Hospital for the use of German patients is opened, also in memory of the Royal patient.

Great interest is taken by the general public in all these philanthropic institutions, and large parcels are constantly received full of presents—fruit, vegetables, clothing, or toys for the children—all of which are most gratefully accepted by their ailing recipients.



Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

THE R. B. N. A. AND REGISTRATION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

SIR,—I am sure Nurses should understand more about this great question of registration, which you are explaining the history of, every week, and we all ought to be very grateful to you for doing so, and for your steadfast help to Nurses, and explanations which I

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