

is desirable in the interest of the suffering patients, the Governors have opened an account at Messrs. Mortlock's for the reflooring of Hatton and Victoria Wards. If by next summer the public contribute half the estimated expense (some £200) to this account, the Governors are prepared to carry out this needed improvement during the ensuing Long Vacation. Any friend who is interested in the welfare of Addenbrooke's has only to visit the men's wards in their new condition, and compare them with the women's wards, to be convinced of the desirability of completing the work, and rendering the Hospital as a whole above reproach from a sanitary point of view." This might form a subject for debate at Newnham College, or better still, let the "sweet girl graduates" set themselves the task of collecting the funds, and removing this reproach from Cambridge.

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THE Nurses' Home which has recently been added to the Royal Infirmary, at Edinburgh, communicates with the Hospital by a corridor laid out as a conservatory with the utmost taste. The Home itself is like some fairy palace. At the entrance is a tablet erected to the memory of Mr. FASSON, a former superintendent of the Infirmary. The Home is in the form of a hollow square, with corridors running right round the two flats. There are 120 rooms, one-half of which are divided from the rest by heavy frieze curtains, and are occupied by the Nurses on night duty. The decoration of the Home is in the finest taste. The walls are embossed in delicate pale colours, and panelled with dark-brown wood. Each room has a polished floor with a square of pretty carpet and a bedroom suite of tasteful design. Every Nurse carries out her own idea of decoration, and here sets up her Lares and Penates. The recreation room is very large, and furnished in most comfortable and tasteful style. The carpet is luxuriously soft: the colouring of the whole is in exquisite harmony. There are numerous Queen Anne chairs and settles in each corner. A grand piano stands near the centre of the room, and it is bright with plants and flowers. A room in the Home is put aside as a sickroom for any of the Nurses who may chance to be ill. It is a large room containing five beds. It is cheerfully and prettily furnished, and has a parquet floor. Those who so generously yield their care to others cannot have too many comforts, or be too well attended when their turn comes to need nursing. The Nurses have their library and reading room in the Infirmary, and their dining room is also there. It is a large room with a wide, round window, filled with growing plants. There are five long tables to accommodate the Nurses. A bust of Miss NIGHTINGALE is conspicuous, and the room is fitted round and round with little cabinets, 200 in number. In these each Nurse keeps her own tea and her teapot, a particularly good arrangement.

## National Health Society,

President:—HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF WESTMINSTER, K.G.

Sister Grace is engaged, by special request to give a further course of Nursing lectures in Bedford, beginning towards the end of January and extending over a period of nine weeks. Mr. Spooner, the organising Secretary, in making application for the renewal of her services, mentioned, with appreciation, the success of the previous course.

The N.H.S. Almanack for 1894, containing good advice for every day in the year and some useful hints and recipes, is now to be had at the Society's Offices. Price one penny.

Most of the courses of lectures have come to a close with the closing year, to re-commence afresh in many parts of the country and metropolis in 1894. The Lent lectures, as at present arranged, will be given by the following eminent authorities on the Wednesdays in Lent:—

Dr. C. G. SHELLY, Consulting Medical Officer to Haileybury College.—Feb. 14th. Subject: "The Feeding of School Boys and School Girls."

Dr. ARTHUR NEWSHOLME, Medical Officer of Health for Brighton.—Feb. 21st. Subject: "Diphtheria in the House."

Dr. GEORGE REID, Medical Officer of Health to the Staffordshire County Council.—Feb. 28th. Subject: "Infant Mortality."

Dr. SOLOMON SMITH, late Consulting Surgeon to the Halifax Infirmary.—March 7th. Subject: "Home Precautions for the Prevention of Consumption."

Sir DOUGLAS GALTON, K.C.B.—March 14th. Subject: "House Sanitation."

ERNEST HART, Esq.—March 21st. Subject: "Afternoon Tea, After-Dinner Coffee, and Morning Chocolate." Hour fixed, 4 p.m.

Courses of "Homely Talks" in connection with the County Council, have been arranged to take place during the new year in Shropshire, South Bucks, Gloucester, Lincoln, and at Hove, Chelmsford, Bexley, and Sittingbourne. Miss Orpen will also give a course of Cookery lessons, extending over a period of six weeks, at Colchester, commencing February 5th.

Miss Beechcroft has just returned from a most successful stay in Hunts. At her Nursing lectures at the Corn Exchange in Huntingdon she had an enthusiastic audience of 250, and at Godmanchester, 180. Lord Sandwich, the Chairman of the County Council, expressed himself fully satisfied with the results, and it was a matter of congratulation that the numbers attending the lectures so far exceeded those that had assembled on previous occasions.

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