

The Hospital World.

THE LONDON HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL NURSES' HOMES.

THE nurses of the Homœopathic Hospital are now in their new quarters, and the Committee and the Matron are to be congratulated on the excellence of the arrangements of the Home. As the building is not a new one, but has been adapted from existing houses, it has been found impossible to give every nurse a separate bedroom, but the best has been made of the available space, and large and airy rooms are divided by pretty chintz curtains, so that each nurse has a private cubicle. The furniture is all that a nurse can want. Each one has a wardrobe, a chest of drawers, and a marble-topped washstand, or in some cases a combination of the two latter articles. The dormitories and sisters' rooms are coloured pale blue, the passages are green, but as the wards are coloured green the nursing staff preferred a change of colour in their time off duty. The sisters' rooms are charming—quite ideal—the scheme of colour in each one being arranged accordingly to the taste of the individual. Some of the quilts in white and pale blue are especially pretty, and the curtains, in the same colours, delightful.

The nurses' sitting room and dining room, are large cheerful rooms, and comfortably furnished, although the sitting room still needs some more easy chairs, but, doubtless, these will come in time. The Sisters' sitting room has yet to be arranged, but for this they seem in no hurry. They have a friendly fashion of spending their free time in the evening with the Matron, and their sitting-room, they say, they will use chiefly for the purpose of receiving their friends, and they can afford to wait awhile for the furniture. The Home is connected with the Hospital by a passage on the ground floor, and through the charming kitchen at the top of the house. It has the advantage of overlooking a pleasant garden, at the back of the houses in Queen Square, which still belong to the hospital, and in some of the rooms with the view over the garden, the windows gay with flowers, the scent of mignonette wafted in by the stray breezes, and the daintiness of the appointments, the lines seem to have fallen to the occupiers in very pleasant places. About thirty-six nurses are now resident in the Home, and probably eventually some of the private nurses will find lodgment there also. The Matron and Nursing Staff gave an "At Home" in their new domain, when many of the friends of the Hospital assembled to accept their hospitality and inspect the premises, and a very pleasant afternoon was spent. The Home can only have arrived at its present condition of completeness by much hard work, but those upon whom this work has fallen may certainly rest satisfied with the result of their labours.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE London School of Medicine for Women was *en fête* on Monday, when the new Pfeiffer building containing Laboratories, was opened by the Princess of Wales.

Their Royal Highnesses were received by Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., the Dean of the School, by the Duchess of Portland, and the Hon. Maude Stanley. Miss Stewart, representing the students, offered the Princess a bouquet of yellow carnations and asparagus fern, and the "sweet girl graduates" gave Her Royal Highness a most enthusiastic welcome. Mrs. Garrett Anderson read a brief address of welcome, and after the Princess had declared the rooms open, the Prince of Wales said: "Mrs. Garrett Anderson—I must apologise, I ought to say, Dr. Garrett Anderson—ladies and gentlemen, the Princess has just declared this new building open, and she desires me to express to you the pleasure it has given her to come to this interesting ceremony. It is needless to say how great an interest she takes in all that concerns the education of women, and in the great strides that have taken place during the last twenty-five or thirty years for the special education of women as regards medicine. That is a matter which is of the greatest importance, and one in which she and may I add also myself take a great interest. It may be said that the medical—the male medical profession might feel a little jealous possibly of the strides which the ladies are now taking. I had the opportunity a few days ago of visiting this interesting school, and I saw both the chemical and anatomical laboratories. I was very much struck by the assiduity of the students, who were then at work, and I think they will find a great field in the zenanas of India, where, as you all know, male practitioners, according to their religion, are not allowed to enter. I can only repeat again the pleasure it gives the Princess to come here, and I am sure that she and I wish all prosperity to the work that the ladies are now undertaking. A few days ago I had an opportunity of visiting the new Hospital for Women, of which the Princess laid the foundation-stone some years ago. It was most gratifying to see how admirably it was conducted, how very airy the wards were; and I believe all those who practise there are ladies who have become graduates by working in this school."

These liberal minded words are eminently encouraging from our future King, and it is to be hoped that a report of them will reach the medical faculty in Germany, which has so lately given evidence of its narrow and intolerant attitude towards women, by denying to them the right to study medicine in the Fatherland.

The committee of inquiry appointed by the council of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, to investigate the needs, merits, and general condition of the London hospitals, has now been at work for some days. The number of hospitals being great and the inquiry very thorough, the Visiting Committee organised itself into four sub-committees, each of which undertakes all the hospitals in one of four quarters into which they have

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