

the direct supervision of the Matron, and are severally instructed in practical work by the older Sisters. At the same time they receive two courses of lectures from the medical staff of the Hospital of Friedrichshain. A thorough examination follows each course, and upon passing these and completing the year's practical work, the pupils receive their badges and enter the Association as Sisters.

The Matron is the head of the nurses. She watches and directs their educational progress, and appoints them according to their respective abilities to posts in hospital, district work, or private nursing; on demand also she sends them to the distant fields of war, to cholera hospitals, or to the African Colonies. For dangerous posts the nurses have the right of choice, and volunteers for such work have never been found lacking.

Our Sisters are happy in their work. Few of them would exchange it for any other, and, on the birthday of Her Majesty the Empress

tunities for extending and enlarging this work. It is to be hoped that young women who are without other duty in life, may more and more come to take up this one, so full as it is of satisfaction and contentment.

[Note. — There is nothing among the nursing institutions of Germany quite like Victoria House. It is planned, and fitted up on a most generous scale, and with a view to the comfort of the nurses quite unusual here, where the nurse often lives amidst surroundings of almost military simplicity. It is the only training school in Germany where every nurse has a single bedroom, and delightfully cosy and pretty they are. The sitting-rooms study and reading-rooms, well supplied with magazines, are comfortable and beautiful, and the dining-hall is particularly

attractive in its adornments and its situation, looking out upon vine-covered piazza and garden. The uniform of the nurses is a delicate lavender and white.—L. L. Dock.]



ANNA VON HELMHOLTZ.  
Chairwoman of House Committee.



LUISE FUHRMANN.  
First Matron.



VICTORIA GERVINUS.  
Present Matron.

Frederick, the donation day of the House, all may see the happy and harmonious spirit which guides the home life of the nurses. The Matron, Fraulein Victoria Gervinus, only desires oppor-

It is with great pleasure that we publish the above account of the Victoria House, as very little is known in this country of modern nursing organization in Germany.

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