

guests, with a minimum amount of personal labour. Out of this restaurant a very pretty little room leads, set apart for private use if required, so that nurses desirous of entertaining their friends can do so here. We can imagine very merry family parties in this snug retreat.

The Reading-Room, in most tasteful decoration, where the world's news will be found, and where writing in a quiet environment can be done, is next to the Drawing-Room, and the last room opening on to the corridor, is a very restful spot, called the Morning-Room, which is set apart for the use of residents and visitors staying in the Home.

The lift then carries us up to the kitchen and domestic floor, and here *en suite* are kitchen, fitted with the detail of a *Fram*, tiled a shade of sea-green, scullery, pantry and other offices, all freely lighted and ventilated by windows and top lights, a perfect picture of domesticity, and where a little regiment of spotless maids were busy as bees.

In the gables above, cupboards and box-rooms are arranged, and out of a little window one can step on to a flat roof—(just an ideal place for a garden)—and take a bird's-eye view of Hampstead, the Hertfordshire Hills, and almost see down stacks of chimneys into the dingy heart of the surrounding houses! Floors two, three and four, are composed of bedrooms, some dear little nooks, others finely spacious, all decorated and furnished with very great taste and comfort. Ample bath-rooms and lavatories are placed on every landing, all, of course, constructed with modern appliances, and the walls tiled in tasteful pale cerulean green.

We then had tea in the sweet scented Dining-room, and the nursing world will agree with us that such a beautifully appointed house cannot be carried on, without loss, at the cheapest rates, and we think that very careful management will be necessary if it is to pay expenses. Every year living in London—rents, rates, taxes, food, service, light and heat—become more and more expensive, and to meet the necessary expenditure reasonable prices must be charged. We have the prospectus of St. Andrew's House before us and calculate that a nurse could not board and lodge there under 30s. a week. Single rooms are from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. a night, breakfast costs 6d. or 9d., Lunch 1s., Tea 6d., dinner, with three courses, 1s. 3d., and supper, two courses, 1s., or visitors remaining for more than three days in the house have the option of boarding at a fixed rate of 5s. 6d. or 5s. a day.

THE CLUB.

There has been a long felt want amongst nurses that a club, conducted by those really in sympathy with the profession, whom nurses can respect, would add to their happiness. We feel sure a centre where nurses could meet for quiet intercourse, and also where questions touching their interests and the affairs of the world at large, could be discussed, where they could drop in to read, write and take meals, would be appreciated by many busy, and many lonely nurses.

It is just this sort of Club which Miss Debenham has arranged in connection with St. Andrew's House, and she has shown her large mindedness by suggesting that four trained nurses shall be members of the Committee.

We are informed that a Reception is to be held at St. Andrew's House at an early date, when all the titivating is complete.

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Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Princess of Wales and the Dowager Empress of Russia lately visited Professor Finsen's "Light Institute," at Copenhagen, for the cure of lupus, and made notes of all the latest improvements in the treatment, for the benefit of lupus patients in England.

The Bishop of Rochester has consented to preach the sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday, October 17th, at 7.30 p.m., at the annual service organised by the Guild of St. Luke, and attended by the members of the medical profession. This is always an imposing ceremony by reason of the fact that many of the doctors appear in their academic robes. A choir of over two hundred voices provided by the London Gregorian Association will again render the music. Admission to the space under the dome will be by ticket only.

The new King of Italy does not wait to be approached by men whom he believes to be doing useful work. Knowing the vast importance for Italy of the reduction of malaria, he has taken the most lively and practical interest in Professor Grassi's experiments as well as in that conducted by the London School of Tropical Medicine in the Campagna Romana. He has also invited several men of science to explain to him, by means of practical experiments, the uses of liquid air with a view to its extensive employment in Italy.

There has been a good deal of consideration regarding the form the memorial to Miss Mary Kingsley shall take. Many of her friends and admirers were anxious, that it should be connected in some way with West Africa, where she spent so much time, and it has been finally decided at a recent meeting that her memory shall be perpetuated by a hospital in Liverpool, to be devoted to tropical diseases, of which many come into that port; and there shall also be a fund for the encouragement of research in West Africa.

No better record, no more appropriate memorial of this noble woman and talented writer could be devised. By it, and by the fund for the encouragement of research in West Africa, she would most wish to be remembered, and we congratulate the authorities on the admirable issue of their counsels. The malarial pest in British Colonies in the Tropics, and particularly in West Africa, is a deadly and stubborn foe, and it is good news to hear that it is to be exorcised in the name—the honored name—of Mary Kingsley.

Typhoid fever is, unfortunately, increasing in London.

The epidemic of diphtheria in Leicester shows no signs of abatement. During the past week seventy-three fresh cases were notified, as against fifty-eight and fifty-four the previous weeks. There were nine deaths from the disease last week. Altogether over 500 cases have been notified in the borough in a little over three months.

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