

ciative remarks on her fellow workers. The spirit of kindness seems the mainspring of work at the Sanatorium, and results in peace and happiness, and accounts for the marvellous growth and success of its work.

A pleasant Christmas Day incident in the Hospital at Chemulpó in Corea was a visit from some Japanese who came to present five boxes of oranges and a sum of twenty dollars to the hospital building fund. In the evening there was a "sobetsokwai," the Corean equivalent for a tea party, with tea and coffee, and cakes and jam, sweets, and cigarettes, many of them presents from the ladies of Chemulpó, who are all adepts at the confectioner's art. How is it that it seems to be natural to deft Oriental fingers to do things which Occidental ones only learn to perform with indifferent success after many painful failures? But this by the way. It is pleasant to know that even in Corea, a place which to many of us is little more than a name, Christmas is honoured with all due observance.

The Dublin Nurses' Club has enjoyed many most interesting lectures during the past three months. Dr. Dallas Pratt was the last kind friend to speak to the members, and his delightful and instructive lecture on "Wounds Caused by Modern Weapons" was highly appreciated by the audience, who accorded a hearty vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Miss Huxley, who, for nearly twenty years, has, with such capacity acted as Lady Superintendent at Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, has, we regret to learn, resigned the appointment.

The special correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* writes from Berlin:—

"Shortly before Christmas a meeting of distinguished German clinicians, hospital surgeons and physicians (why were the Matrons omitted?) took place in Berlin for the purpose of discussing questions connected with sick nursing, and especially whether female nurses should be employed in male wards. Opinion was unanimously in favour of female nurses (Schwestern). Several speakers maintained that the male patients had been much better nursed and cared for since the introduction of female nursing. The sick required more than mere bodily care, and there could be no doubt that the general tone in the male wards had greatly improved through the influence of the sisters. Nevertheless, male nursing could not be entirely dispensed with, especially in the surgical wards, for the sisters should not be required to lend aid repugnant to their moral sense. There was a clause to this effect in the contracts which the great German hospitals had entered into with the chief nursing orders, and the meeting was of opinion that such a clause should be a recognized principle for the future, and should be conscientiously adhered to."

## The Hospital World.

### A GLIMPSE AT CANADIAN HOSPITALS.

#### THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, TORONTO.

The Toronto General Hospital stands back from the roadway, fronted by wonderful emerald lawns, shady trees, and well kept carriage drives, the whole house toned pleasantly to the eye by clinging vines, which give it the appearance of a beautiful private residence, rather than an institution—it is rosy and gabled from without, and very pleasant and home-like within.

Generations of devotees have made the "homes" of England, the most beautiful, as they are the most comfortable in the world, and the growth and appointments of the General Hospital at Toronto are stamped with much of the national taste.

As you pass in through a side door, on the right of which are the wards, and the left the new Nurses' Home, you realise that the completeness and harmony are not of chance, but that there has been a guiding genius of continuity and order in the extension of the hospital, and that the Nurses' Home, the latest addition, is the result of years of experience and careful thought; otherwise how could it meet the needs of the hospital to which it is attached, and those of a modern training school, so completely?

It is no secret in Canada that the Toronto Hospital owes more than it can ever repay to the whole-hearted life's work of its most gracious Superintendent of Nurses, Miss Agnes Snively, who, for the past eighteen years, has urged steady progress in every department in which she has rightful influence, and that owing to her initiative and power of sustained exertion, the Nursing of this hospital stands second to none in the Dominion. Then the lady has charm—supreme gift of the gods—just the one thing they have decreed shall have no equivalent in gold.

Future generations of Lady Superintendents at this hospital will moreover have cause to rise up and call Miss Snively blessed, because she has done well to advise that, in providing every reasonable comfort and educational advantage for the nursing staff, the Matron's apartments have also been designed to meet the needs for home-life when off duty of the chief nursing officer. Thus the Lady Superintendent's apartments, which are entered from without by a special door, are self-contained and sufficient, and situated on either side of a central airy passage, to the left, an office, bedroom, beautiful and spacious sitting-room, most tasteful dining-room, and serving pantry, en suite; to the right bath and dressing room combined, and maid's room and offices. The central

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