

floors, about fifty rooms on a floor, and all are comfortably furnished, while hot and cold water are laid on in each room. A bath-room is provided to every ten rooms. Those of the sisters—the night sister, home sister, surgery sister, and others—who have not rooms in the hospital are provided with charming bed-sitting-rooms, while there is a large general sitting-room for their use. The head nurses also have a sitting-room apart from the probationers.

When the Home is in working order a Preliminary Nursing School will be located in it, and all probationers before being accepted for training in the wards will be required to pass satisfactorily through a six weeks' course of instruction and practical work in this school. The course comprises tuition in elementary anatomy, physiology, hygiene, dispensing, bandaging, the making of dressings, the use of instruments, bed-making, house-work, and sick-room cookery. Fifteen probationers can be received at the same time for this course, and class-rooms, lecture-rooms, museum, and kitchen for sick-room cookery are provided for their use, as well as a common sitting-room and separate bed-rooms. The fee for the course is six guineas, and, in addition, the pupils are required to provide themselves with indoor uniform and to pay their personal laundry expenses. After satisfactorily passing through this course the pupils are accepted on probation in the wards for a period not exceeding two months, after which they may be accepted for three years' training, in which case the agreement will be dated from the day on which the probationer began work in the wards. Located in the new Home also is a self-contained department, comprising a ward of eight beds, kitchen, bath-room, and head nurse's room, in which sick nurses will be warded. A head nurse will be placed in charge, and in this ward, under her direction, the preliminary probationers will receive instruction in practical nursing duties.

We congratulate the authorities of Guy's Hospital on recognising the value of this preliminary course of instruction for probationers, and although we look forward to the time when, by the establishment of central preliminary training-schools on a self-supporting basis, individual hospitals will be relieved of the necessity and expense of organising these courses, yet at the present time until such schools are started the benefit, both to patients and nurses, of the instruction thus given is undoubted.

We must not forget to mention that in connection with the Home a small room is provided in which nurses can make their own special brew of tea. We learn that tea in the bed-rooms is to be taboo.

When we visited the hospital, arrangements were in process for the erection of a large marquee in the "Park," in which the opening ceremony will take place. It is to be hoped that the weather will be royal.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The advisory committee appointed in connection with the proposed King's Sanatorium for Consumption have purchased a site at Midhurst, Sussex.

A special effort is being made in this Coronation year to arouse the working men of Bristol and the adjoining portion of Gloucestershire to a keener sense of their responsibility for the efficient maintenance of the Royal Infirmary. Committees of working men are being organised, and to them mainly is the appeal made. The alternative is closing wards, which is not to be thought of.

It is to be hoped that the hospitals which are situated on what was to have been the Coronation route, and which had speculated so largely in seats, will not ultimately be losers. The committees and secretaries are quite optimistic, and seem inclined to leave the matter in the hands of a generous public.

Right up to the time of receiving the sad news of the King's illness seats were being sold at the hospitals. Throughout they had gone well, and had credit accrued to the hospitals' funds, it was, after all, only right, considering that the services of the several hospital staffs and the accommodation at the disposal of the institutions would have been available in any cases of illness or accident that might have occurred in the crowded thoroughfares.

The Sydney Banks have given a donation of £570 to the local hospitals in lieu of spending money on illuminations in honour of the Coronation.

An exhibition of silver work and jewels, in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children has been organised by Mrs. Adair, and is being held in St. James's Court, Buckingham Gate. Many specimens of old silver have been lent by well-known collectors.

The Paris Municipality contemplates the flotation of a new loan to the amount of 60,000,000 fr., the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the transfer of the old hospitals from the centre to the outskirts of the town.

Mainly through the efforts of the Sisters of St. Joseph in Copenhagen, a scheme for the erection and maintenance of a hospital for fishermen in Iceland has assumed definite form, and a building has been commenced. The trawler owners of Hull and Grimsby have been personally approached by the Sisterhood, and in each case subscriptions have been forthcoming. Queen Alexandra has promised £50, and it is believed that the Danish Government will make an annual grant. The Grimsby Share-Fishermen (skippers and mates) will consider the proposal at their next meeting. The Danish Consul at Hull, in a letter to the Share Fishermen, said £1,650 had been raised in France, and land had been given by the Bishop. A further sum of over £2,000 is necessary to carry out the work commenced.

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