

and at once applied for membership, for to be a recognised member of a legally-constituted profession would give one a status which nothing else can do.

With all good wishes for the continued success of the JOURNAL, and of the principles for which it is working.

Yours faithfully,  
LOUISE TAYLOR.

### The Klinik and Bergen Hospitals of Bergen, Norway.

Miss Nellie M. Casey, graduate of University Hospital, Philadelphia, writing in the *Trained Nurse*, says:—

“The delights of a pleasure trip to Europe this summer, which included in its itinerary Norway, the land of the midnight sun, was made intensely interesting by a visit to a Norwegian hospital.

“Though our hours in Bergen were limited, still it so happened that I found myself, without any thought in the matter, seated in the parlour of the Klinik Hospital.

“The Klinik is not a large hospital; it has four wards, or, rather, large rooms, each holding six beds, and five private rooms. Men, women, and children are admitted, but there are no free patients. The operating room is on the second floor, and is quite modern and up-to-date in its appointments.

“There are two graduate nurses on duty all day—one in charge of each floor. To assist the nurses there are some seven or eight women, who fetch and carry for the nurses, and who clean, clean incessantly. At night there is a woman on duty, not a nurse, who performs any small services the patients may require, and who, if necessary, calls upon the nurses for help. A critical case would have a special nurse to watch it.

“The cleanliness of the Klinik is wonderful, but the kindness and courtesy extended to all people—indiscriminately and in all ways—is marvellous.

“There are no resident physicians, but any physician on the staff can bring his patient there for treatment or operation.

“The Klinik was originally built by Professor Sandberg for his private hospital, but after being given charge of the Bergen Sygehaus (Hospital) the Klinik was sold to Dr. Frell, who is the present head. In his absence Dr. Sandberg takes charge, and can at all times operate there, if his patient prefers it to the Bergen Sygehaus. The Klinik is beautifully situated on the outskirts of the city, and on an eminence; and is surrounded by a pretty garden, in which I saw some lovely roses in bloom.

“The Klinik is not the largest hospital in Bergen, but it was the only one I had the pleasure of visiting.

“The following description of the Bergen Sygehaus (city hospital) was furnished by the head nurse, who was trained in Edinburgh:—“The Bergen Hospital is rather an old one. The oldest part was originally two private houses, two storeyed and wooden, to which two brick buildings have since been added. The consequence is that the wards are most irregular in size and position. It accommodates from 120 to 130 patients, half medical and half surgical. Half of the surgical is of a more modern date, and is built according to the barrack principle, with the operating room in the middle

On either side are the male and female wards. These are very small, about thirty beds altogether in this building. These patients are in the care of two day nurses and one night nurse. Any serious case has a “special” nurse to attend to it. The septic cases are all kept in part of the old building, and have their own theatre, which is always kept ready and warm for any casualties that may come in.

“There are no wards reserved especially for children, and, on the whole, there are very few admitted, since the diphtheria cases are sent to another hospital lately.

“One wing is set apart for typhoids—most of the patients pay for themselves; if they are unable to do so, their parish or the town pays for them.

“There are only three medical and three surgical rooms for private patients.

“The nursing staff consists of two head nurses, who have received their training abroad, one in the Berlin Victoria House, the other at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh. The nurses belong to the Red Cross Society. There are fourteen or fifteen altogether, of whom four are on night duty. They receive two years' training, and attend a course of lectures given by three of the doctors. They are on night duty one month at a time.

“The chief surgeon, Dr. Sandberg, is also governor of the hospital, and resides there with his family. The house surgeon and house physician are alternately on duty. Any trifling accident that comes in forms the private practice of the one on duty. The medical chief lives in town; the chiefs have each an assistant, who also practises in town and lives there.

“Besides the Klinik and Sygehaus, there are a Roman Catholic hospital, which is quite large and commodious, and two leper hospitals. Had our stay been longer, I should have tried to learn something of the leper hospital.”

### A Useful Diary.

A charming little diary for the present year is Scott's Emulsion Doctor's Diary and Emergency Note Book. Of a conveniently small size, it is bound in dark green leather, and on the back is ruled to measure inches and centimetres. A pocket at the junction of the front and back covers is provided with a pencil. In addition to some useful articles in regard to the results of recent research on the subject of cod-liver oil it gives short explanations on subjects concerning which doctors and nurses are likely to need information in emergency, such as the form to be used in baptism, the correct form in which to make a will, a list of consumption sanatoria in the United Kingdom, and much other useful knowledge. Space is also arranged for the insertion of local telephone numbers and telegraphic addresses likely to be needed quickly, such as the addresses of the Health Officer, and Relieving Officer, Nurses, the Coroner, Registrar of Births, Messenger Service, &c. It is a handy little volume which deserves popularity. The Diary is published by Scott and Bowne, Ltd., 10, Stonecutter Street, E.C.

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