

The Hospital World.

THE NORFOLK AND NORWICH HOSPITAL.

A visit to Norwich brought with it the opportunity of seeing the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital, an opportunity of which I was not slow to avail myself. The hospital, which is built on the pavilion principle, stands well back from the road, and is surrounded by spacious grounds. The nurses have their own tennis ground, and there is even a kitchen garden, which is able to supply the Convalescent Home at Cromer with vegetables, for at Cromer, in the season, vegetables are not cheap.

The Matron, Miss F. A. Cann, most kindly took me round the building. The Nurses' Home, which has been recently added, is excellently appointed; the sitting-room, most comfortably furnished, overlooks the shady garden, and the bedrooms are all that a tired nurse can desire. Does the nurse of the present day, one wonders, quite appreciate what an inestimable boon is a bedroom to oneself? To those of a quarter of a century ago even a cubicle was for the most part an unattainable luxury, and the joy of a room to oneself can probably be only fully appreciated when it has perforce been foregone for a while. In the Home is a sick-room where nurses who are invalided can be adequately looked after.

Not only do the Sisters and nurses and probationers live in the Home, but the private staff of the hospital are accommodated there also, one floor being devoted to them. The night nurses are located at the top of the building, so that they may be as quiet as possible. Everything seems most carefully planned for the convenience and comfort of the residents.

The wards are arranged so that there is plenty of light and air on all sides, and balcony space also allows a certain number of patients to have open-air treatment. The hospital has its own laundry, and a beautiful chapel where services are held. It also possesses a very fine pathological museum, which contains, amongst other treasures, the skull of Sir Thomas Browne, the author of *Religio Medici*, and a Norwich surgeon.

The Matron, Miss Cann, is a firm supporter of the principle of the State Registration of Nurses, and she speaks with satisfaction of the fact that every member of the medical staff of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital signed the Statement in support of Registration, which was handed in to the Select Committee on Nursing. She has indeed ground for satisfaction, for it was no doubt her own influence which brought this about, and shows not only that medical men are ready to help nurses to obtain registration when the facts of the case are placed before them, but also that what one Matron has done others may do also.

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Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince of Wales has been asked to perform the ceremony of opening two new operating theatres at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The Special Appeal Committee for the rebuilding fund of St. Bartholomew's Hospital has received donations of £500 each from Mr. George Stimpson and Miss Stimpson in memory of their late father, Mr. George Stimpson.

The Council of the Hospital Saturday Fund have fixed Saturday, October 14th, as the date of the annual special collection in the business houses, &c., in support of the medical charities of London. The ordinary weekly collection in the various industrial establishments, so far, reaches about £11,000.

The Lord Chief Justice (Lord Alverstone), who has had a cottage hospital built at Shanklin, Isle of Wight, in memory of his only son, the late Hon. Arthur Webster, will formally open the building on Wednesday, September 20th.

During their stay at Portsmouth the French naval doctors paid a visit to the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, and before the fleet's departure Dr. H. Leo, principal medical officer on board the *Masséna*, forwarded to the principal honorary surgeon a joint donation of 100 francs, accompanied by a sympathetic note, in the name of his colleagues.

Mr. A. K. Burney has been appointed Secretary to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading. He was educated at King's College School and Trinity College, Cambridge, and was called to the Bar at Lincoln's Inn in 1888. He, however, after being a short time in practice, gave up the law and went into business, subsequently becoming steward of the Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, which position he at present holds.

In connection with the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, a Ladies' Linen League has been established in all those districts of the County which are served by the Institution, the object being to provide the hospital annually with the necessary supply of linen, blankets, &c. The League consists of lady vice-presidents and associates, who each provide annually two articles, together with a subscription of 1s. 6d. The scheme has been warmly taken up.

At the first meeting of the newly-appointed board of management of the West Bromwich District Hospital, Mr. S. Woodhall was appointed chairman for a second year. Mr. Woodhall has worked very hard in bringing into being the scheme for a nurses' home in connection with the hospital, and now that the building has been commenced it was the unanimous desire of his colleagues that he should retain office until its completion.

At a recent bazaar on behalf of the Victoria Hospital, Keighley, the sum of £4,664 15s. 8d. was cleared after all expenses were paid. It has been decided to hand over £2,000 to the Treasurer of the

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