

class deserving well of the community, who should command our warmest sympathy.

The operating theatre and arrangements are very perfect, and here a busy nurse was good enough to show me how she looked in full operating canonicals. Transport yourself to the Orient, for when she had enveloped her head in a square of mull muslin tucked in round the neck into the linen overall, and was peeping through a neatly-hemmed slit, through which her eyes alone were visible, she resembled nothing so much as one of those almond-eyed charmers, condemned by the green eyed monster to hide for ever behind the yashmak.

In this department I saw an anæsthetist's stand made of dark blue glass which was reported to be thoroughly efficient in preventing the deterioration of anæsthetics.

In the prettily laid out wooded grounds around the main buildings are placed an isolation block, small and very complete, a beautiful mortuary, reverently arranged, and a laundry; and just across the garden, in Park Road, the new Convalescent Home is situated. This Home, a very attractive place, contains ten beds, to which the poorer patients are drafted when convalescent after severe operations, and where they can rest and be fed up and gain health and strength before returning home to household duties or factory work. It is admirably adapted to coax flagging spirits into more cheerful mood, and the change from the ward atmosphere charged with pain and suffering is found to be quite indispensable for renewing the vigour of the patients.

THE STANDARD OF NURSING.

In this convenient hospital, under a Superintendent so efficient and progressive as Miss Richmond, the standard of nursing is naturally very high, and most valuable instruction is at the service of nurses in training; Mr. Christopher Martin and Mr. J. Furneaux Jordan lecture to the nursing staff, and Professor Taylor tests their knowledge by examination. We found a few trained nurses enjoying the privilege of a three months' term of practical work in the wards; with but few facilities for learning

gynæcology in many large hospitals, where there is usually but one ward of from twenty to thirty beds devoted to the treatment of special diseases of women, it is quite impossible for thorough instruction in this most important branch of nursing to be given to all the probationers who enter the school; and as in private nursing an expert knowledge of gynæcological nursing is quite indispensable, the women's hospitals will be wise to step in and meet the need by admitting for a three months' term of practical work upon payment of a reasonable fee, nurses who are keen to qualify themselves in this specialty.

The Women's Hospital at Sparkhill is quite one of the most perfect of its kind, and owes much to the talented lady who, as Matron, was associated with the Committee in considering the plans for its construction, and whose invaluable work is recognised as quite indispensable to the hospital.

Miss Richmond, whose portrait we give this week, is well known to the readers of this Journal: trained at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, and with many years' experience in various branches of nursing, she has held her present position for eight years. Miss Richmond is a woman of strong professional feeling. She is a member of the Matrons' Council, and one of its six delegates on the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, a member of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and a co-opted examiner in nursing of the British Gynæcological Society.

We have here a typical twentieth century Matron, a first-class practical nurse, animated by wholesome public spirit. The more Matrons we have like her the better for the future of our profession.

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Miss KATE RICHMOND.

We learn that amongst the successful candidates who recently passed the examination of the Clapham School of Midwifery were Nurses Dockery, Blythe, and Bradford, trained at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham. During the past eight years sixty-three nurses have successfully qualified for the examination of the London Obstetrical Society from the same school.

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