

The ward kitchens were very spacious with white tiled dressers. In the second block, there were two wards one for men and one for women, medical and surgical cases are treated in the same ward, and results are remarkably satisfactory; a deep covered balcony was attached to the end of each, and phthisical patients spend night and day there at times. During the past year 754 in-patients were admitted, the beds being in great request, and the out-patients numbered 4,549, the total attendances being 26,928.

Ample clinical material for first-rate experi-

The Matron is pleased to show subscribers and friends, and no doubt other visitors, over the Hospital on Wednesday afternoons between 2 and 4 p.m. Thus personal interest is aroused in its beneficent work. We were not surprised to hear a friend say, "Our hospital is a great pet."

We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. J. J. Webb, the Secretary, for the photograph reproduced, and gather from a copy of the Annual Report, that this well managed hospital is conducted with due economy.



THE CHILDREN'S WARD, GENERAL HOSPITAL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

ence is provided in the hospital for nurse-training. The probationers sign for three years' service, and are given good theoretical and practical instruction, by medical men, and the Sisters, and as is the case in many country hospitals—they have an opportunity of doing dressings, which in our large hospitals fall to the medical students and resident staff. Examinations are held and certificates awarded. Indeed, it is not surprising that in such beautiful surroundings training at the Tunbridge Wells General Hospital is eagerly sought after—by many more applicants than can be admitted.

Irish Poor Law Reform.

The Viceregal Commission on Poor Law Reform in Ireland strongly urge the abolition of the present workhouse system, that the existing hospitals, whether Poor Law or County, should, except in a few cases, be retained in their present localities, but all should be placed under the management of county and district committees, and that such hospitals should be used only for the acute sick. They also suggest that a sufficient number of consumptive sanatoria should be established, that additional cottage hospitals should be established, and the system of home nursing for the poor extended,

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