

The Hospital World.

HARROW-ON-THE-HILL COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The new Hospital at Harrow, which was opened recently by H.R.H. Princess Louise, is a charming example of picturesqueness combined with up-to-date architecture in English cottage hospitals, as well as of voluntary and private generosity and philanthropy.

It has been built at a cost of £7,000, and consists of two wards, one for men and one for women, each containing eight beds, and

quilts on the beds are of the same material, with borders of red. The result is most brilliant, and the blinds are more cosy and cleanly than ordinary ones, which never come down to be cleaned.

The red screens standing up in the corners finish the charming effect. The operating theatre and anteroom for sterilising purposes are quite up-to-date, and contain every requisite for modern surgery.

A waiting room and the nurses' room complete the first floor. Upstairs is the nurses' home, the Matron's sitting room, the linen room, and servants' bedrooms, and storeroom. The base-



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two private or isolation wards for noisy patients, or, on the contrary, those requiring absolute rest and quiet.

The two big wards are divided by a kitchen, doing duty for both wards, and a bathroom. The architect has studied ventilation and light to such a degree that one is struck by the brightness and freshness of the whole atmosphere. The walls are painted white, and the dados consist of white shining tiles. The windows reach as high as the ceiling, and a very pretty effect of colour has been produced by replacing the ordinary blinds by curtains. These curtains are made of ordinary sheeting, with broad bands of turkey twill. The

ment consists of the kitchen, laundry, and boilers for the hot water. A food lift (also used for clean linen), and a shoot for soiled clothing, complete the arrangements.

The nursing staff consists of the Matron (Miss Peake), a staff nurse, and two probationers, with occasional help from an extra nurse. Considering the number of operations, that night duty has to be provided for, and that only two maids are kept, this hardly seems sufficient, but as the hospital has only been opened for a month, things will soon work themselves out, and doubtless the Committee will see for themselves that the staff will have to be increased if the sick are to be properly

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