

Yet no one can deny that the home hospital conducted by irresponsible persons, as a commercial business only, is often the *nidus* of many abuses. Here, for lack of capital and knowledge the best trained service is often lacking, and patients pay high fees for untrained attendance and inferior food. Women taken in to "train" in these places are by and bye foisted on to an unsuspecting public, and charged for as "trained" nurses. Indeed, the unprofessional home hospital is answerable for shoals of inefficient private nurses who are now exploiting the ignorant sick public, and who will continue to increase until the whole fraudulent system is nipped in the bud by State Registration.

Quite recently we had the pleasure of visiting a charming Home Hospital, under the charge of Miss Pell-Smith, at Leicester. Herself a most skilled and devoted nurse, the whole tone of The Home Hospital, De Montford Square, Leicester, is of the highest. The two airy houses face the Square, which, as our picture shows, has a truly rural air, with the pretty white sheep nibbling their ceaseless meal in the foreground. Inside the Home all is organised for the comfort of the patients, the rooms are bright and well furnished, and a well arranged operating theatre, and many conveniences, have been installed without consideration of cost. There are twenty-five rooms, including the

bath-rooms, and kitchens. At the rear is a little garden, a cosy place for tea, and beyond a splendid fowl run, which supplies delicious curdley new laid eggs, a real luxury for sick people. The medical profession at Leicester are fortunate in having to hand a Home Hospital, so admirably conducted, where they can in perfect confidence recommend their patients to reside, knowing that they will receive there, not only the most efficient nursing, but the

most sympathetic care.

By the generosity of Mr. George Cadbury, the "Woodlands," near Northfield, has been placed at the disposal of the Birmingham and District Crippled Children's Union as a Convalescent Hospital, in place of the small home maintained at Chadwick End, near Knowle. The Hospital will be carried on on the most modern principles, and the Matron will be Miss M. Robinson, who has held the position of Sister at the Birmingham Children's Hospital. The house is being care-



THE HOME HOSPITAL, LEICESTER.

fully remodelled, and the lofts of the stables have been turned into open-air wards to accommodate 24 to 30 children. On wet days the conservatories will be utilised. There is ample accommodation for 70 children to begin with, and a much larger number can be provided for if funds permit. It is anticipated that the Hospital will relieve institutions in the city of Birmingham of cases in which skilled nursing and fresh air

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