

every help and encouragement to this new school; the most influential professors will be our fellow crusaders. The time seems ripe, though the difficulties to contend with will be necessarily great. But we believe that in this way only can we create a school of nursing which will serve as a model for all Italy.

Once this national model school exists, and the public realise the benefits it conveys, emulation of its standard will be exacted by other hospital authorities.

There only remains for me to add a word of hope and prophecy: that at the next Quinquennial Council Italy will be represented, not by an Englishwoman, however Italianised by sympathy and adoption—but by a fully-trained Italian nurse, who will report that the assistance of her sick compatriots was increasingly in the hands of those who had learnt, or were learning, to nurse on the lines which make them collaborators of the doctor and the surgeon—women who were devoting themselves to the study of what Miss Nightingale, the High Priestess of nursing, termed “one of the Fine Arts, almost she had said, the finest of the Fine Arts.”

DAVOS PLATZ FOR THE POOR.

The Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Davos Platz, Switzerland, has been erected by voluntary contributions from all parts of the United Kingdom, to provide an inexpensive Alpine Sanatorium for British patients of small means suffering from tuberculosis. It will be opened at an early date, and the intention is that the institution should be self-supporting. The fees have been fixed experimentally for the first year at 38s. a week, for which sum each patient will have a separate room, facing S.S.W., a very special feature of the building. The climate of Davos is remarkable for the combination of bracing air with absence of wind, and a large amount of sunshine, and is favourable for patients the whole year round. Let us hope the new Sanatorium may bring hope and renewed health to many who, without its aid, have not the means to procure the treatment which alone might save valuable lives.

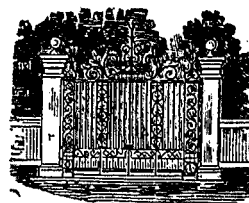
A GRAND JUBILEE MEMORIAL.

Vienna's new city hospital, commemorating the Emperor's Jubilee, will cost more than half a million sterling, and promises to be the most magnificent healing institution in Europe. The new hospital, the plans for which have just been completed, will have the most modern scientific and technical equipment, and form a model institution in every way. It will stand in park-like grounds of considerable extent, on which ten thousand pounds is to be spent in the preliminary laying out. There will be accommodation for a thousand patients, and provision will be made for extending the buildings whenever necessary.

There is no country in Europe where nursing reform is more urgently needed than in Austria. When this splendid hospital is opened for the reception of the sick, it will be of little comfort to them, without skilled nurses.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The Council of the Society of Women Journalists have decided that during the autumn the monthly causerie shall take the form of an At-Home, at which two members of the Council will act as

hostesses. The annual meeting is provisionally fixed for November 4th, and the date of the annual dinner for December 4th.

The Guards' Club, which is next door in Piccadilly to the Lyceum, is quite resplendent. Marble, paint, lace curtains, and flowers combine to make it most attractive. It gleams “money” at you from every window. The Lyceum is following suit; inside there has been a lavish use of white paint and pretty new paper, so that when the Club is ready for use, the fresh and bright surroundings will be greatly appreciated by the members. It is a club to which its members are greatly attached.

It is reported that the authorities of Winson Green Gaol, at Birmingham, have gone so far as to feed artificially the “hunger strike” Suffragettes, and that the visiting justices have ordered several of them to be handcuffed and kept in solitary confinement. Of course, no information is available from behind the bars of this Brummagem Bastille. The announcement made in the House of Commons that nasal feeding has been performed by “wardresses,” who, presumably, are not certificated nurses, is a very serious admission. It will be interesting to know how the prisoners will be coerced to perform their “hard labour” tasks.

Miss Mary F. Willett, the Mayoress of Southport, realised the disabilities of poor mothers coming to the seaside for a day's rest, when baby had to come along, too. To take care of the babies and the children was a happy idea; a committee of ladies was organised, spacious structures were erected on the shore, and nurses were engaged. In the holiday season a mother can leave her child in the nursery with the certainty that it will be fed and tended and amused at the rate of one penny an hour, or sixpence for the full day from nine o'clock in the morning to half-past six in the evening, and returned safe and happy at the end of the day's amusement.

A model of this day nursery for children of excursionists—which will, no doubt, serve as an example for others—has been on exhibition at Olympia in connection with the Women's Work Exhibition. Last year 1,600 children were received at the day nursery at Southport, and this year 2,800 have been taken in. Over 30,000 postcards with views of the nursery have been sold.

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