

## Some Charities in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

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HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
AT LEEDS.

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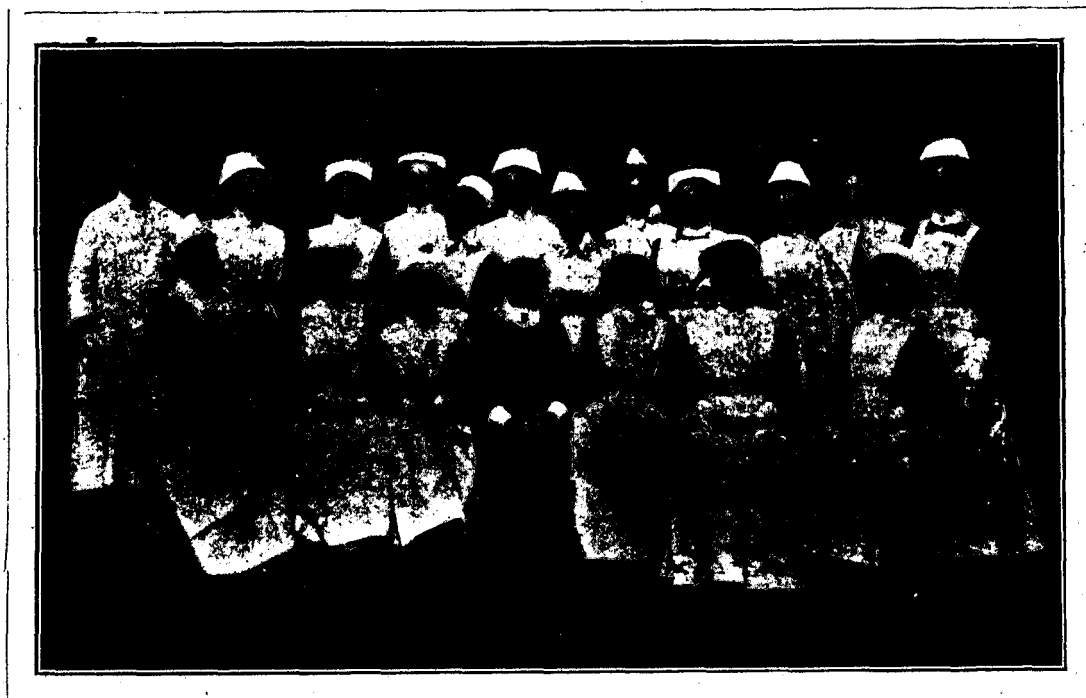
The Hospital for Women and Children is one of the most modern in the West Riding. Its walls of brick still keep their original colour and make a spot of brightness in a city noted for its grimy, smoke-coloured buildings.

From a distance the hospital has the appearance of being wedge-shaped. A carriage

trasting colours. On walls, mantelpiece, tables, and even on the floor and couch there were pictures, and prints of world-famed pictures. There were well-filled book-shelves that showed a catholic taste.

Probably the thing that impressed one most was the profusion of plants and flowers. One side of the room has a bay made by three windows. Around these windows were plants and bulbs, the latter giving an almost immediate promise of bloom. Sacred lilies and other pot plants were in full blossom.

The heating was done by a fire in a wide tiled hearth. The contrast between the dirty, half-melted snow outside and the room, with



The Matron and the Nursing Staff.

drive leads from a quiet street to the main entrance. This gives the idea of space, though the hospital is surrounded by houses; the General Infirmary and Town Hall are a few hundred yards away.

The first impression on entering the building is one of harmonious colouring and coolness. The floors of both corridors and wards are of tessellated marble, and the walls are painted a soft pale green.

The first apartment visited was the sitting-room of Miss Wreford, the Matron. In the light of a winter afternoon it looked a picture of cosiness and comfort.

The walls are of green of a darker shade than the corridors, and relieved by a dado in con-

its soft artistic colouring and sweet smelling flowers, was very striking.

The hospital has accommodation for fifty-six patients. Two large wards contain twenty beds each. All the windows are double, and in the wards radiators are fitted in every second window.

At the present time the heating is done very satisfactorily by four ventilated stoves in each ward. This form of warming the wards is appreciated by the patients, who have a prejudice against hot-water pipes and radiators.

The wards are all lofty and lit by numerous electric bulbs. The two principal wards are 100 feet long and 20 feet wide. In these the beds are placed between the windows. There

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