

The Hospital World.

"THE LIMES" JERSEY.

The opening of a new hospital, erected on up-to-date lines, is always a subject of interest to members of the nursing profession. Situated in Green Street, S. Helier, the "Maison San Marculf," better known as "The Limes," is inhabited by the Order "Sœurs Immaculées de Marie," who for years have quietly done good work both in the old "hospice" and the town—was opened early this autumn, as soon as the new building was erected.

On the invitation of the Supérieure de San Marculf, a number of medical men, nurses, and representatives of the press were conducted over the premises by Dr. Paul Chappuis, the visiting officer of the establishment.

There are thirty rooms in the new building, including two wards containing six beds each, so there is accommodation for thirty cases. On each floor there are bathrooms and lavatories, while the rooms along the corridors, with large windows, and sunny aspects, are plainly yet comfortably furnished for patients who desire privacy. The charge for these rooms vary from 15s. to 21s. per week, according to size and aspect. The wards are for medical and surgical cases, and on the same floor as the latter is a small operating theatre, fitted with every modern convenience; adjoining it is the laboratory. There are two large sitting-rooms, one for male and the other for female patients, and an airy kitchen, supplied with an imposing array of saucepans and other necessary cooking utensils.

Patients of any denomination are admitted, and also may be under the entire control of their own medical advisers, and are allowed to bring their own nurses to tend them. Infectious and maternity cases are not admitted. In the wards patients are taken for 8s. per week, though in deserving cases this charge is reduced.

The Order has several hospitals in Brittany, from which more nurses can be obtained, for at the time at which I write the staff is not a large one. These nurses are conversant with English, so English patients need not be afraid of being at a disadvantage.

Facing south and close to the sea, whose hue rivals the blue of the Mediterranean, the building is an ideal one for a hospital, while the large garden, with its green lawn and shady trees, will be a joy to convalescents, who have not yet gained strength enough to walk to the shore. Comparatively few English people know the Channel Isles, yet they are veritable gems of beauty set in a sapphire sea.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

At a meeting held on the afternoon of January 12th, the Board of Management of the National Anti-Vivisection Hospital, Battersea General Hospital, appointed both a House Surgeon and House Physician to the Institution. These appointments have for some time been contemplated, owing to the rapid growth of work of the hospital. A medical officer will consequently always be in attendance at this Institution to receive patients.

Dr. R. C. Brown, of Preston, who has made several donations to the Preston Infirmary, has given a further £510 for a new building for the temporary isolation of patients suspected to have contracted diphtheria or scarlet fever, but whose symptoms are not sufficiently pronounced to justify immediate removal to the Corporation Isolation Hospital.

MATERNITY NURSE RECOVERS FEES.

In the Kingston (Surrey) County Court, Miss Helen Sneddon, a Maternity Nurse, recovered from a patient £7 7s. fees due to her, and costs. Miss Sneddon was engaged to attend the patient on October the 5th, and she went into residence on that day. The confinement, however, did not take place, and on October 20th the patient and her sister charged the nurse with having made a mistaken calculation on data furnished to her in the previous May. The patient suggested the nurse should leave, and return when required, probably November 5th. The nurse declined, as she had refused another engagement for October, but offered to forego a fortnight's salary if the family could prove the mistaken calculation was her fault. The Judge held that the nurse's calculations were quite right on the data supplied to her. Miss Sneddon suggested that the error arose from a miscalculation on the doctor's part, and that she should not be made to suffer for his error, and the Judge took the same view, and that the nurse was entitled to recover. There was a written engagement for a written date, and the nurse's calculations were correct on the data supplied to her.

A MEXBOROUGH NURSE'S CLAIM.

A nurse's claim for compensation was the rather unusual business which came before the monthly meeting of the Doncaster and Mexborough Joint Hospital Board, held recently, at Conisborough, Mr. Henry Baker, the chairman, presiding. Miss Currier, of Mexborough, was the nurse in question, and it appeared that shortly after commencing her duties at the hospital she contracted blood poisoning in one of her fingers. As a result she had to have it amputated. Her father offered, through her solicitors, to compromise the matter for £60, but the Chairman considered they were not liable. A motion by Mr. A. Lee, of Mexborough, that the claim be met was not seconded.

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