

A Model Club House for Nurses

To the interesting group of buildings surrounding Bellevue Hospital, New York, one of the most beautiful has recently been added; Osborn Hall, the new Club House of the Alumnae Association of the Training School for Nurses. It was erected by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Church Osborn as a memorial to Mr. Osborn's mother, one of the founders of the school. The Training School Corporation holds title to the property, but its entire maintenance and management are in the hands of the Association. It is equipped with every possible comfort and luxury by Mrs. Osborn's loving forethought and consideration—sitting-rooms, library, sewing-rooms, small laundries fitted with stationary tubs and ironing boards, hot-air driers and gas stoves all free to members. The numerous bath-rooms are all of marble, with porcelain tubs and basins; elevators with maids in attendance, ice coolers on each floor, and several telephone booths, large single rooms, some with bath attached, and all with abundance of closet room. A large hall, seating over 300, where the monthly meetings of the Association are held, can also be rented for other gatherings. The beautiful restaurant is open not only to nurses but to medical men and social workers attending the hospital, to friends and guests of the pupil nurses, and for class dinners and other reunions of the graduates.

The large laundry on the top floor, equipped with the most up-to-date machinery, is planned to do not only the work of the club, but to serve as a source of revenue. Transient guests will be received.

The Alumnae Registry for private duty nurses has its office in the building, and is conducted entirely as a separate department.

As a centre of inspiration and of influence the Club House stands a great memorial to the founders of the first American Training School, and a testimony to the value and the progress of trained nursing work.

It may surprise English readers to learn of the small laundries and their fittings—"all free to members"—but it must be remembered that in New York the cost of washing is very high, and as entirely white uniforms and thin cotton and muslin "shirt waists" form a considerable item the washing bill can easily be reduced by personally getting up small items of personal adornment—a pleasure to nurses skilful in such work. Also nurses are now beginning to realise that a practical knowledge of laundry work is a financial asset to them when applying for appointments.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

Mrs. Wilfred Ward, the wise founder twenty years ago of the Norland Nurses' Institute for training children's nurses, must have been very happy on June 30th, when the fourth presentation of badges to the nurses was witnessed by a large number of their friends. The Chairman, Mr. E. C. Tennyson d'Eyncourt, said the institute filled a greater want every year, and the benefit to children to be under the care of refined educated women was unquestioned.

Miss Isabel Sharman explained the new honour to be instituted. A blue enamel bar was to be added to the badge, for fifteen years' service in one situation, and a silver bar would be given for ten years' service in one situation. Nineteen nurses had earned the silver bar, and two the blue enamel bar. It was not an easy matter to complete ten or fifteen years in one post. It meant a great deal more than steady work, it meant adaptability and sympathy. She hoped the badges and bars would be sources of new inspiration and strength.

The Bishop of Kensington presented the twenty-one bars, also gave twenty-eight badges to those nurses who had been in one situation for not less than three years, and spoke most encouragingly to the recipients of the work which he considered of national importance.

Mrs. Ward said the chief aim of the Institute was the harmonious development of childhood. It had all long been self-supporting, and the profits went for the benefit of the nurses. There are now Norland nurses in Russia, Spain, Italy, South Africa, Holland, and India, and good reports of their successes come from all these lands.

A useful pamphlet recently issued is one on "Women as Inspectors," published by the Central Bureau for the Employment of Women, 5, Princes Street, Cavendish Square, W. The price is 3d., or post free 4d. It is quite surprising in how many capacities women act as inspectors. They are employed under Government, as Factory Inspectors in connection with the Home Office, under the Board of Education, and the Local Government Board. They are eligible as Relieving Officers, though not many have so far been appointed, they hold office under the London County Council in connection with the Education Department, the Public Health Department, and the Public Control Department, as Inspectors of Midwives, and under the Infant Life Protection Act, the Shop Hours and Seats for Shop Assistants Acts, and the Act relating to Employment Agencies. It would seem that when women get the opportunity of showing what they can do that their work is appreciated.

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