

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE BRENTFORD UNION INFIRMARY,
ISLEWORTH.

The Brentford Union Infirmary, Isleworth, has unusual advantages architecturally, and is a handsome building, arranged on the pavilion plan, the blocks being connected, as at St. Thomas' Hospital, by a central corridor, which at Isleworth is arched with excellent effect. The Nurses' Home is connected with the main building by a covered way, and very comfortable and home-like it is. It is surrounded by a garden wherein is ample space to rest and enjoy the fresh air and flowers in off-duty time. The central administrative block is entered by a very handsome hall which on Sunday does duty for a chapel. Off this is the Matron's office, and her private apartments are on the first floor in a charming self-contained flat, the sitting-room being specially attractive owing to its irregular shape and deep window. The Assistant Matron also has her own flat. The Infirmary, which contains 450 beds, covers a large amount of ground, and its adequate superintendence must be an arduous undertaking.

The general medical and surgical wards show evidence of good order and care, and there is a very well-equipped theatre, in which a considerable amount of work is done. The children have a ward of their own. An interesting section is the block devoted to mental cases, in charge of a Sister, who seems as if she had found her vocation in life in ministering to the "mind diseased" and in exercising a benign and sedative influence over these patients. Warmth is afforded in these wards by means of hot pipes, so that poor, distracted patients who have to be placed in separate wards and throw off their bed clothes are in no danger of getting chilled.

The Night Superintendent, who is also a Masseuse, does alternate duty with the Theatre Sister, and the probationers receive instruction and practical training in massage. In the Maternity Wards of the Workhouse, where a trained nurse and certified midwife acts as Sister, a certain number of the certificated nurses get their midwifery training each year,

those who do best during the three years' training having the privilege of this valuable post-graduate course. The age at which probationers are accepted for training is between 22 and 30, the salary paid to them being £10, £15, and £20 respectively. A certificate of training, recognized by the Local Government Board, is given to probationers who successfully pass an examination held by an outside examiner at the end of the third year, and those who have shown proficiency are eligible for promotion as Sisters as vacancies occur.

The Medical Superintendent is Dr. E. E. Norton, who is recognized by the Central Midwives Board as an Approved Teacher of Midwifery. The Matron is Miss E. F. Youlden, who was trained at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital, and, after some experience as Charge Nurse at the Cottage Hospital, Bushey Heath, in an open-air Sanatorium, and as a private nurse, was appointed Home Sister at the Carlisle Nursing Home, after which she held successively the positions of Ward Sister, Night Sister, and Assistant Matron at the Bethnal Green Infirmary, an excellent preparation for her present position.

Lastly must be mentioned the fact that there are lovely walks near the Infirmary, and that Kew Gardens and Hampton

Court are within easy reach, the latter being reached by tram in about ten minutes.



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SAIREY GAMP AT HOME.

In February the centenary of the birth of the great Dickens will be widely celebrated. In his unapproachable characterization of human types, Dickens presented nothing more life-like and immortal than our own Sairey Gamp.

The National Council of Nurses will meet in London to discuss high politics and international affairs on February 15th, and Sairey Gamp desires it to be known that she will be At Home to the Council when its deliberations are at an end, at 431, Oxford Street, W. Perhaps other Dickensonian celebrities may grace the scene. Sairey, we feel sure, will be delighted to see them.

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