

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

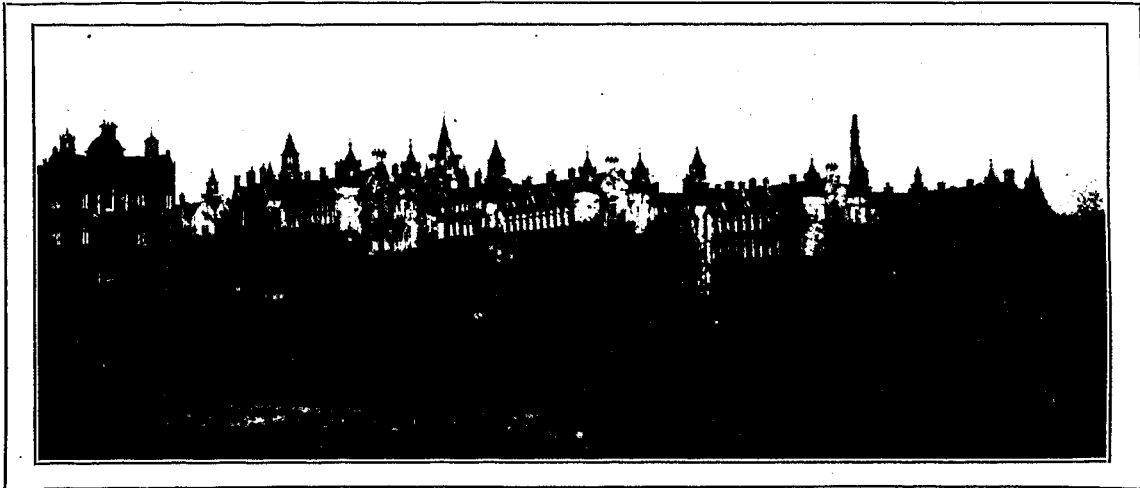
### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

The accompanying picture gives some idea of the architecture, plan, size, and fine position of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, which has sent out into the world so many medical practitioners and nurses who have done honour to their training school, having carried out, and handed on to others, the lessons they learnt there besides adding to its lustre by original work of their own.

The Infirmary, which is built on the pavilion plan, has the advantage of being surrounded on all sides by an abundance of fresh air. The breezes from over the Forth, laden with the

Registration of Nurses, which has the support of the authorities of the Infirmary, can be applied with equal facility and advantage to the Nursing Department, just as the medical practitioners connected with the institution work under the regulations of the General Medical Council, to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

A visit to the Royal Infirmary must be of great interest to anyone interested in the care of the sick, for all the numerous departments of general and special work are well defined in an institution of this size; the special features adopted in each are thus seen to the best advantage. Every visitor must be struck by the completeness of the provision for the administration of baths of all kinds. This department is well worth a visit. The hot air baths can be



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ozone which has such a recuperative effect on the sick and ailing, must give new life to the patients lying out on the balconies on to which all the wards open, and the pleasant meadows at the back of the Infirmary secure to it that space and light which in London are so difficult of attainment, though so all important. Edinburgh may indeed be proud of its Infirmary; and, on the nursing side, under the able supervision of the Lady Superintendent, Miss A. W. Gill, R.R.C., its reputation is likely to be not only maintained but extended. The Infirmary is so large as to be to a great extent self-contained, and it has its own laundry, in which the large number of women constantly employed come under the control of the Factory Acts. This general supervision by the State seems to work very well, and in days to come it will no doubt be found that an Act for the State

applied to any part of the body needing treatment without subjecting the patient to the somewhat tiring exertion—to those who are weak and ill—of a full bath.

Miss Child has started from Basutoland on her homeward journey. She will be in England in May, and brings with her up-to-date nursing notes from South Africa for the Cologne Congress. So far there has been little attempt at nursing organization there; but some day let us hope a move will be made towards building up a National Association of Nurses, so that the nurses of that great continent can attend the International gatherings of nurses in a representative capacity. In the meanwhile we are grateful to Miss Child for coming from far Basutoland to bring greetings to Cologne.

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