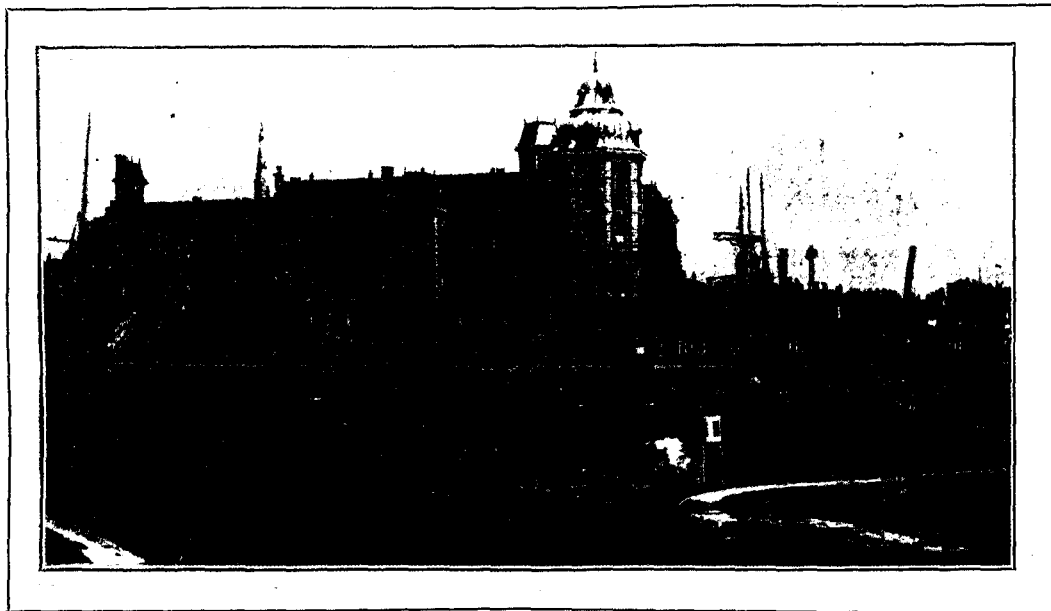


for massage training if they agree to remain in the service of the institution for three months on the completion of their three years' training. Preference is given to those who have a high percentage of marks in their medical and surgical examinations, and who have received specially good reports. Pupils, resident and non-resident, not trained in the hospital are also admitted on payment of a fee.

The fee for midwifery training is £16 16s., but probationers who undertake to work for a year on the private nursing staff on the expiration of their engagement pay no fee. Pupils

quite apart from the Infirmary at Beaufort House, with its own Sister-in-Charge. Very pleasantly situated it is, with a fine view from the windows at the back over the city, and plenty of fresh air to brace up the pupils during their seven weeks' training for the arduous work in wards of the hospital.

Busy as bees are all these probationers, wearing their pretty uniform neatly and smartly, so that the new pro. will no longer be evident in hospital by the way she puts on her unaccustomed uniform. The day on duty begins at 7.40 a.m. and ends at 8 p.m., with



THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, BRISTOL.

not trained at the Infirmary must have had at least a year's general training previously.

The Nurses' Home is a comfortable building apart from the Infirmary, picturesquely covered with creepers and surrounded by wide spreading lawns. It consists of houses adapted for the purpose with considerable success.

The Infirmary has a beautiful chapel, in which a window has recently been placed as a memorial to eight members of the nursing staff who have died in its service. The subject is St. Elizabeth of Hungary, most human and lovable of saints, and the design has been most happily carried out.

THE PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Royal Infirmary, Bristol, shares with the Leicester Infirmary the honour of having instituted the only Preliminary Training Schools in the provinces. That at Bristol is

three-quarters of an hour off for dinner, half an hour for tea, and two hours for recreation. The evening work from five to eight is devoted to classes and study. The pupils learn practical housewifery by doing all the work of the house with the exception of the rough work, and it does them and their instructor credit.

The nurse trained five and twenty years ago may be excused for looking with envy on the means provided to make the modern probationer as perfect as possible. Systematic instruction, before she enters the wards, in housewifery, bedmaking, names of dressings and how to prepare them, the use of thermometers, instruments, appliances and utensils used in the wards, invalid cooking, bandaging, splint padding, elementary anatomy, physiology and hygiene—all these are taught her in the Preliminary Home, the care of linen and the arrangement of linen cupboards

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