

being a special feature. One sees in the classroom charts and pictures, a full-sized figure for bandaging, besides heads, arms and legs on which the pupils can practise. A life-sized grannie for bedmaking demonstrations lies serenely in the cupboard, together with splints in the making, and other nursing appliances. It is an educational centre, pure and simple, the object of which is to start the pupils on their practical work with some knowledge of the principles which underlie it, and some elementary idea of the work they will have to perform. Occasionally there are vacancies for pupils who wish to avail themselves of this course of training only, when a fee of £7 7s. is charged.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The General Hospital is picturesquely placed overlooking the harbour, with the fresh breezes from the sea which come up the Avon permeating its wards. Like the Royal Infirmary, it has its scheme for the enlargement of the hospital, to include a new medical ward with a sun balcony facing south, a maternity ward, and new dental department, the reconstruction of the laundry, and increased accommodation for the resident medical, surgical, and nursing staffs. The Matron is Miss A. E. Densham, under whose direction the nurses obtain a very thorough training, and some of the Sisters have been in the hospital for a number of years, and evidently hold its honour and traditions very dear. The wards, with Sisters' rooms opening out of them, are very bright and pleasant, and the bathrooms adjoining, though built before cross ventilation was in vogue, are very spick and span, the walls being lined with marble, a luxury which we never remember to have seen in any other hospital. The operating theatre is quite up-to-date, and a very practical and at the same time becoming cap is worn by the Sister and nurses on duty. The shape is that of a half-circle taken in on the top to make it fit snugly

to the head and round the face. A tape round the neck keeps it in position.

The General Hospital must have a high reputation as a nurse training school, for there were no less than 300 applications for the vacancies on the staff last year. Of these 22 were taken on trial and 16 ultimately accepted.

The pupils at this hospital also have the advantage of being able to be prepared for the examination of the Central Midwives' Board, and last year 17 nurses gained its certificate. There is a large massage and electrical department, and pupils are prepared for the examination of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses. In both cases this training is given free if the pupil binds herself to serve extra time on the private nursing staff. Trained nurses are also received for this special experience on payment of a fee.

The Nurses' Home, which was first opened in 1891 by the late Duke of Edinburgh, and is known as the Edinburgh Wing, has recently been enlarged and is most comfortably arranged. What strikes one most, perhaps, is the large and well-furnished classroom, in which lectures and classes are given to the probationer nurses. When the writer visited the hospital there was a wonderful life-sized model of the human body, loaned by the Nurses' Social Union, on view; the room is also provided with a skeleton, blackboards,

charts, and all the appliances of a modern training school. Large folding doors divide this room from the delightful nurses' sitting-room, and on occasions, known by the nurses as "chocolate parties," at Christmas, and other times, when the President of the Hospital, Mr. Joseph Storrs Fry, provides them with greatly appreciated boxes of delicious chocolates, the two rooms are thrown into one.

THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

The Children's Hospital is surely placed at the top of a steeper hill (St. Michael's) than any other hospital in the kingdom. Once



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