

inside the hospital one is rewarded by a panorama second only to that from the Castle Rock at Edinburgh, and the air in the wards is, as one might expect, delightfully pure. The hospital, which is built on the pavilion plan, the architecture being Late Perpendicular, is admirably arranged, and under the able administration of the Matron, Miss Mattick, everything seems to work very smoothly. One thing which is very noticeable is the professional appearance of the nurses, whose manner of hair-dressing and of putting on their caps is refreshing to see in these days.

unruly—is now used as Guardians' offices. It contains a most beautiful oak panelled room in which Queen Elizabeth dined when she visited Bristol.

THE STAPLETON INFIRMARY.

There are two large infirmaries, the Stapleton Infirmary at Fishponds, and the Eastville Infirmary; the larger of the two is the former. Alighting, after a considerable tram ride, at Fishponds Church, with its well-kept churchyard, one passed the house where Hannah More, the great educationalist of the West



THE GARDEN, CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, BRISTOL.

To see the children in the wards, their confidence in their nurses, and the "way" of the Assistant Matron (Miss Dryden) with them is to know that they are in an atmosphere of love and happiness as well as of skilled care. On the other side of the garden—where, as our illustration shows, there is plenty of room for all who are well enough to enjoy it—are isolation wards for various infectious diseases—a necessary precaution in a children's hospital. There is also a convalescent home at Weston-super-Mare, to which 93 children were sent last year.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL.

St. Peter's Hospital—a most picturesque mansion once a workhouse, when it was provided with a whipping post, and pair of stocks, and other implements for the control of the

Country in the 18th century, was born. The Lady Superintendent of the Infirmary is Miss E. S. Owen, and one is impressed by the fact that, under the care of well-trained Sisters, in spite of some structural disadvantages, the patients are well cared for, and made comfortable, which is the essence of good nursing. The Guardians have just accepted estimates for a new infirmary at a cost of many thousands of pounds.

IN THE CATHEDRAL.

One must not forget to mention that in the Lady Chapel of the Cathedral is a brass lectern placed there by members of the Guild of St. Barnabas as a memorial to Miss M. Greenhough Smith, for many years Matron of the Royal Infirmary and a member of the Cathedral Communicants' Guild. MARGARET BREAY.

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