

## NURSING WORK OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS.

One of the most interesting sections at the Cologne Congress Exhibition of Nursing was that showing the hospital and general nursing work of the Religious Orders. This exhibit had previously been shown at the International Congress of Hygiene at Dresden, and was very kindly sent from there to Cologne by the consent of the authorities concerned.

From the splendid photographs and charts there shown it was clear that the Religious Orders of Germany are advancing steadily with the progress of modern ideas in sanitation, operative and preventive medicine, hospital construction, and outdoor treatment. Among the fine groups of hospital buildings and domains shown we may mention that at Waldbreitbach, Rheinland, under the care of the Franciscans; that at Nonnenwerth, under the same order; that of the Malteser hospital in Trebnitz; the institutions at Mellersdorf belonging to the Franciscans, and those of the

Sisters of Mercy at Bayenthal, near Cologne. These possessions all show ample, beautiful grounds with admirable hospital or other institutional buildings scattered, village fashion, as the German style is, among trees and gardens. In these groups are to be seen modern wards and operation theatres of the most up-to-date construction, out-of-door provision for the treatment of tuberculosis, and study and class-rooms fitted with skeleton, manikin and anatomical charts for the Sisters' instruction. The numerous beautiful photographs showing the

nuns busy at their work, indicate variations made in their dress according to the demands of science. All the Orders shown wear spotless white linen from head to foot in the operating rooms, and to some extent in hospital wards as well, while others have a modified uniform with a great deal of white, for ward work—as white oversleeves, caps, apron and scapular. There is, as yet, little or no indication in exhibited material of secular training school work under the guidance of Religious Orders,

but there were charming views of the nuns themselves in class-room work.

There were some excellent photographs of "Mother Superiors," women of notable presence, dignity, and power of command, such as Mother Camilla Schwedin, head of a Franciscan Order; Frau M. Thérèsia Scherer, head of one branch of the Sisters of Mercy (Barmherzigen Schwestern v. heil. Kreuz), and the Mother of the Order of Sisters of Mercy at Innsbruck, with her unusually picturesque headdress, which in form recalled the beautiful caps of peasant holiday dress in the Tyrol. The Franciscans appear as a specially active hospital order, and have medals.



GREY NUNS OF ST. ELIZABETH, Breslau.

from the wars of 1864, 1870, and South Africa. A large chart gave the names and statistics of 64 different orders of Catholic Sisters who engage in nursing (as well as other work) in Germany and showed that they had in all, in the year 1910, an army of ministering women numbering 26,000. Besides the work of nuns, eight Catholic secular nursing societies presented statistics showing that, between 1892 and 1908, they had trained 822 nurses. As an example of these may be mentioned the

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