

paying a board that is less than the hotel would charge them, and, while enjoying home cooking and the freedom of a cottage, often more than paying the taxes and interest on investment in the same. People whose winter homes are dull and cheerless trick out these cottages with pine boughs; pictures, cut from the coloured supplements, are framed in bark. There are great easy chairs made by the rustic man, who plies his trade at all such settlements. Dishes that would never do at home are quite the vogue here, and as a result the cottage is looked forward to as the golden era in the twelvemonth.

Even hay fever isn't so bad if you can go in exile along with it. Many a man, in fact, is suspected of having rubbed onion peel on the eyes and affected a cold, simply as excuse for it. For the fish call, and the woods call, and boon companions urge that you take to the North in the hay fever season!

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPITAL.

By the courtesy of the Treasurer and Chaplain, Monseigneur Carton de Wiart, I was enabled to view London's newest hospital on Monday, November 18th.

This magnificent building, which is now complete, except for the furniture and some interior fittings, has been erected to accommodate patients of the Roman Catholic faith, through the bounty of a lady who desires that her name shall remain unknown during her lifetime. The only other hospital for this purpose in London is that of St. John and St. Elizabeth at St. John's Wood.

It is hoped that the new hospital will be ready to receive patients in January next. Standing on the crest of Dollis Hill, it commands a beautiful view in many directions of the outskirts of London, namely, Cricklewood, Hampstead Heath, and Golders Green.

The hospital is of red brick, with stone facings; the four corners are flanked with towers with dome-shaped roofs. An octagonal dome surmounting the façade gives the whole a very imposing appearance. The seven acres of ground which belong to the hospital are still in the rough, but will be laid out with approach roads, trees, shrubs, lawns, &c., worthy of so beautiful a building and site.

Mr. Robert Curtis, the architect, is to be congratulated upon his design, which comprises everything of the best and newest in hospital structure. The floors and dados of the corridors are of terrazzo mosaic, and the walls and ceilings of cement, which, when complete, will be finished with white enamel.

The main wards, containing about 18 beds each, are heated by "open-fire central ventilating stoves," the smoke of which is carried downwards and through flues under the floor. They are handsome green-tiled square stoves, a fire on two sides, and a gas-ring in a recess on both the others, for sterilising milk, &c.

Provision for central heating is also made throughout the building. The ventilation is perfect, fanlights being over each window.

The hospital as it stands has been built at a cost of £40,000, and is to be enlarged by another wing in the near future; it is only intended for paying patients. The accommodation at present is for 28 private patients and 35 ward patients.

Needless to say, there are no dust traps in the form of square angles—curves and rounded corners everywhere.

The main staircase is built round a well-protected lift enclosure. The lift is large enough to contain a bed; there is another for food and coal. They are worked by electricity automatically.

A chapel, an up-to-date theatre, anæsthetic room, X-ray room, dark room and test room, first-rate sanitary annexes, bathrooms, &c., serve to make this hospital one of the most perfect that modern science can devise.

The nursing staff will consist of Roman Catholic Sisters who are also trained nurses, besides lay nurses. I heard nothing about a Matron. It is to be hoped that that most important figure will not be lacking.

Space does not permit of a detailed description of this luxurious hospital. Happy will be the patients who find an entrance there.

The chaplain's house is built on the grounds; so is also a coachhouse for a motor ambulance.

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A GRATIFYING FACT.

Princess Christian has promised to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Army and Navy Male Nurses' Co-operation, to be held, by the kind permission of Sir George Alexander, at St. James's Theatre, on the afternoon of December 10th. The Chairman will announce the gratifying fact that there is no further necessity to make a monetary appeal, as the ultimate ambition of the Committee to become self-supporting is now realised; although they feel strongly that the organization must be made more widely known to the public, as great disappointment is caused by the impossibility of accepting the numerous applications for employment from fully certificated male nurses who have served their time in the Navy and Army.

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