

garden, and the adjacent grounds are reserved for the nurses, where in shady nooks their lounge chairs can be cunningly placed.

A very high and practical standard of training in the Nurses' School is now in force. The term is, of course, for three years, well planned out, and the probationers are systematically taught and their studies supervised. At present there is no preliminary course, the cost is so great; but some day, when Newcastle is a great examining centre for Trained Nurses preparatory to Registration (as it is to some degree now for certified midwives), money will be forthcoming for the systematic preliminary teaching of pupil nurses, and for their examination, as a matter of course. Parents are slowly beginning to realise that to fit daughters to enter self-supporting professions, it is their duty equally with that they owe their sons, to pay towards the expenses of the educational course which will fit them to earn their livelihood. Habits die hard, and the discreditable habit of parents expecting "some other fellow" to provide for their daughters, whilst realising parental responsibility towards their sons, is slowly but surely decreasing.

The Nurses' Dining-room is very well appointed with little tables *à quatre*. To judge from the food I saw being served, under the supervision of a Sister, in the large well-kept kitchen at the top of a block, it is very appetising; and near by are arranged most conveniently all the little "shops" from which domestic stores of all kinds are obtainable.

Indeed, a well-appointed modern hospital is a very comprehensive place. It is also a very happy one. Every true nurse realises that, upon entering a ward long after she has passed to work in other spheres. It all comes back to her—the glory of vitality, the sweetness of serving, the satisfaction of weariness after work well done. *The blessedness of duty*. Indeed, nurses who really love their work are just as close to the Pearly Gates as we can ever get in this world.

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AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW.

Tuberculosis work, says the *American Journal of Nursing*, is progressing in Cuba, and a cottage or "caseta," named Martina Guavera, has been built for the use of the nurses at the sanatorium. A pretty ceremonial of blessing the cottage took place under the auspices of the Cuban Nurses' Association, which sent out invitations for the event.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Queen Alexandra has become an annual subscriber to the Children's Sanatorium for the Treatment of Phthisis, Holt, Norfolk.

Princess Louise visited Romford last week and laid the foundation stone of an enlargement of the Victoria Cottage Hospital, which is being erected by public subscription, as a memorial of King Edward VII.

The committee for the removal of King's College Hospital to South London have just received a cheque for £20,000, being the balance of the gift of £50,000 recently made to the fund by an anonymous donor. By the donor's desire, £4,000 of the total donation is allotted to the sum required for the building of the medical school in connection with the new hospital. Let us hope some millionaire will follow suit and pay for the new Nurses' Home, and he might also endow a Preliminary Training School for Nurses at the same time.

The secretary of the Sunderland Royal Infirmary (Mr. Thomas Robinson) has received a cheque for £1,000 from the Local Ladies' Guild, through the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Kidson, for the endowment of a bed in memory of the late King Edward VII. The money has been raised by annual sales of work. The Guild was founded in 1900, and, prior to the present gift, there have been four beds endowed through the efforts of the members, each endowment involving the collection of £1,000.

The Mayor of Croydon (Alderman J. Trumble, J.P.) and the Mayoress of Croydon opened on Saturday the King Edward VII. Memorial Wing of the Croydon General Hospital and the extensions of the Royal Alfred Wing. For some time past the work of the hospital has been hampered by the absence of isolation wards and the limited accommodation for its new departments. This has now been remedied as the result of the Mayor's ardent efforts in the cause.

On Monday Mr. Harold Smith presented a Bill in the House of Commons to provide for the registration of accountants and auditors in Great Britain and Ireland; and for other purposes connected therewith.

NOTICE.

May we remind members of the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society of the meeting to be held on Saturday, 27th inst., in the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., at 5 p.m., to elect officers and adopt rules approved by the Commissioners. Only members will be admitted.

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