

All the nurses are *fully trained*, and the Matron, Miss Thomson, has had, besides, considerable experience.

"We should not dream of employing anyone in the Nursing Home who was not *fully trained*," said Sister Bernardine when, with the view of approaching the editor of our professional journal for the publication of this article, I apologetically made the enquiry. I was particularly interested to learn, too, that Sister Bernardine herself is a very experienced hospital trained nurse. So the patients are, as it were, doubly insured against accidents. I leave to the imagination of the reader the nature of those accidents by the untrained nurse. The theatre—a dismal necessity in all similar institutions—was, however, so perfect in equipment, "second to none of its size," remarked a surgeon, and so bright and *cheerful*-looking that one felt almost inclined to stay and take an operation, instead of which we went down and took tea. A wide corridor runs east to west of St. Mary's Home, with a roof garden at one end and a balcony at the other. Think of it! The building stands in $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres of ground, a large proportion of which is laid out in kitchen garden. The flower garden is of the charming old-fashioned style, with a well-kept lawn, a pergola, and flower-beds full of gillyflowers and tulips, &c., blazing in a riot of colour, making the sunny air fragrant with their sweet breath. Again one was reminded of the famous picture, "The Harbour of Refuge." It only needed a man with a scythe, and a fountain, and the analogy would be complete. There was the dear old lady come to harbour in the evening of her life, with the younger one by her side. The noiselessness and seclusion of the place is a recommendation in itself. No storms or stress of a noisy world come within the harbour. There is a beautiful chapel within the building, and all who are able and inclined can attend the services. A passenger lift of the newest and best type occupies a conspicuous position in the hall. St. Mary's Home has been established to serve a two-fold purpose, namely, its own purpose, and also to assist in the upkeep of St. Joseph's Hospital, which is free to the poor. There is a debt of something like £6,000 still resting upon it, owing to the vast alterations. Donations to defray it of any and every size would be very acceptable.

The terms for all this beauty, luxurious comfort and refinement are relatively small, namely, 5 to 10 guineas per week.

Under the present conditions of chaos and disorganisation in the nursing profession, which cannot and will not be altered until we get State Registration for nurses, it is a double pleasure to write about such a well-organised and professionally managed place as St. Mary's Home, fulfilling as it does in the letter and the spirit its high purpose.

As we said good-bye to Sister Bernardine and the other kind Sisters, we felt we had spent a most profitable and happy afternoon, and one of us exclaimed: "I have found a place to be ill in!"

BEATRICE KENT.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

On Wednesday last Miss Clementina Black, the President and the members of the Committee of the Women's Industrial Council received at the Nursery Training School, 4, King Edward Road, Hackney, N.E., a number of guests interested in the work of the school. As the London County Council is at present considering the desirability of recognising the training of children's nurses as a suitable object for trade schools this work is just now of special interest.

The school is a large, well built modern house, until recently used as a Hostel for the nurses attached to the Queen's Hospital for Children, which has been carefully adapted for the purpose of a Domestic Training School and Nursery. The course of training lasts for one year and costs the pupils £36.

Tickets for the interesting dinner arranged by the Women Writers' Suffrage League for July 2nd, at the Criterion Restaurant, are to be 7s. 6d. each. There will be a BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING table, which we hope will be well patronised. In the course of the evening, Mrs. Flora Annie Steel (the President), will put the case for the Suffragists; and Mrs. Humphry Ward, for the "Antis." There will be other entertainments, and an instructive and amusing evening is assured. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, W.

The Storting of Norway, which proclaimed a limited enfranchisement of women in 1907, has now extended it to all women, equalising the qualifications of the two sexes.

The International Woman Suffrage Alliance has just held a wonderful congress at Buda Pesth, and Mrs. Chapman Catt has been re-elected President by acclamation. She is what the Americans call "a very lovely woman." That is sweet, brilliant, good and beautiful all at once. Mrs. Catt's personality is an immense asset to our Suffrage cause, and she has given her life and her wealth to it.

The recent elections in New Zealand gave a very decided answer to the claim that there is a place for women on hospital and charitable aid boards. Not only have women found seats on the boards controlling the four largest hospitals in New Zealand, but in all four cases—Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, and Dunedin—a woman headed the poll. In all, eight women found seats on the four boards. In the cases of Dr. Florence Keller and Dr. Platts-Mills, the medical knowledge possessed by the candidates may be assumed to have influenced votes, but six other women successfully appealed to the electors without this qualification. Whatever difference of opinion there may have been, common sense has prevailed.

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