

The infirmary has been built long enough to be covered with creepers, and, on a sunshiny August afternoon looked stately and mellow, with the leaves all turning to russet, a process which, while it reminds us of the approach of autumn, is singularly beautiful. The recent addition to the Nurses Home, gives one an impression of the comfort and harmony which seem to be characteristic of the modern nurses' homes. Walls tinted a clear buff colour, combined on one floor with brown, and the other dark green, paint, make a pleasant background for the furniture, squares of blue carpet are restful to tired eyes; and as there are picture rails nurses can indulge in their own particular taste in pictures, while in the sitting room, well chosen reproductions of good masters, in frames harmonizing with the general colour scheme, add to its pleasantness and restfulness.

The Matron's quarters are in a house formerly occupied by the Medical Superintendent, and there also is a room devoted to lectures and study, supplied with life-sized charts of the human body, with splints of all kinds, labelled with their proper names, so that probationers can study these at their leisure, and the other appliances necessary to the practical instruction of classes of probationers.

One of the rules for probationers is that none are considered qualified to give medicines, or to write "reports" until they have had twelve months experience in nursing. The Medical Superintendent and Matron then decide if they should be permitted to perform these duties.

Great care is taken in regard to phthical cases, as some sent in diagnosed as phthisis have eventually proved to be a different disease. These are therefore not admitted immediately to the phthical wards. In regard to statistics concerning the recovery of phthical patients the opinion held at East Dulwich seems to be that some of these are not phthisis, and the recoveries should not be quoted as being recoveries from tuberculosis.

The infirmary has a spacious and well appointed chapel served by the clergy of one of the neighbouring churches. The patients and nurses off duty on Sunday morning attend the chapel services when possible, and the special needs of the nurses in regard to services at times when they can attend receive every consideration.

There is a sick room in the Home where nurses off duty from minor ailments are cared for under the supervision of the Home Sister. If they are seriously ill they are warded in a small ward near the general wards.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The report of the Council of the King Edward VII. Welsh National Memorial on the work of the Association from its inauguration in 1910, is to hand. The object of the Memorial is the eradication of tuberculosis in Wales and Monmouthshire, and a very complete scheme has been drawn up with this object. The Medical Director is Dr. Marcus Paterson. The illustrations in the report are most attractive.

The sum of £11,000 has been subscribed for the reconstruction scheme of the Jessop Hospital, Sheffield, leaving £3,800 still to be raised.

The Board of Superintendence of the Dublin Hospitals, in their 55th annual report, published as a Parliamentary White Paper, say of the hospitals which receive grants from Parliament, and are under their supervision: "All have now reached a high degree of efficiency. An excellent system prevails in each; things work smoothly, and almost automatically, and therefore only by endless repetition would it be possible to make year after year an extended report of each. We emphasize the fact that a thoroughly good understanding exists between the Board and the managers of the various institutions it superintends, and we beg to take this opportunity of thanking them for their readiness to welcome suggestions from us on the smallest point likely to add to efficiency, and to act upon them unless reasons to the contrary can be shown."

Uncensored news is now being received in this country from Bulgaria, and it seems as if judgment concerning the recent atrocities alleged to have been committed by the Bulgarians should be suspended until accurate information is available. A recent issue of *The Friend* publishes a signed letter from a Bulgarian correspondent complaining bitterly of the calumnies heaped on them while they have been cut off from all communications, and repudiating the brutalities and the devastation of life and property which he says are very extensive, but are the work of other nations.

Yet another journal concerned with hospitals has made its appearance, *The Modern Hospital*, an international journal devoted to the building, equipment, and administration of hospitals, sanatoriums, and allied institutions, and to their medical, surgical and nursing interests. The editors are Dr. Henry Hurd, Dr. F. A. Washburn, Dr. Winford H. Smith, Dr. S. S. Goldwater, Dr. J. G. Mumford, Dr. W. L. Badcock and Dr. J. A. Hornby. The new journal is well printed and profusely illustrated. Three columns are devoted to Notes on Nursing, two of which are occupied by the abstract of Sir William Osler's address to the graduating class at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, to which we recently directed attention.

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