

## A GLIMPSE OF THE CITY OF HULL.

Visitors to Hull should on no account miss seeing the great river to which the city owes its fame, with its docks, quays, and piers, the Trinity House established in 1369 for the relief of decayed seamen and their widows, and Wilberforce House, not only a gem of architecture, but of vital interest to all lovers of freedom as the birthplace of the great liberationist. For trained nurses the Royal Infirmary has, naturally, a special interest.

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The Royal Infirmary is an interesting institution dating from 1784, when it had from 60 to 70 beds. It has now 268 beds, with a nursing

The Infirmary stands back from the road, and to arrive at the main entrance of the administrative block one passes the Wilson Wing and the casualty department. On the further side are the Sir James Reckitt's Wing and the Victoria Wing. The Infirmary is one of the few which has circular wards. One of the advantages of these wards is that the nurses are saved many footsteps in the course of the day, especially as hospital architects have now so great a liking for wards of inordinate length, without considering the strain entailed on the nursing staff thereby. A disadvantage of circular wards is that owing to the central stove it is impossible to see all the patients at the same time.

The entrance hall to the administrative block is of excellent proportions, and facing the door



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staff of 66, exclusive of the private staff, on which there are 24 nurses.

As may be imagined, in such a great seafaring and industrial centre the Infirmary is a very busy one, and last year the operations numbered no less than 1,550, being an average of nearly 30 a week. Treatment by radium has also been carried out with considerable success, and there were nearly 6,000 attendances at the electrical department.

When we recently visited the Infirmary the Lady Superintendent, Miss Lucy Binns, a member of the Matrons' Council, was unfortunately away, but we were received by the Assistant Matron, Miss Bannister, who courteously did the honours of the building.

is a handsome staircase, which divides, at a landing, into two portions, with excellent effect.

Like so many modern hospitals, the wards of the Infirmary open on to spacious balconies, where patients can be nursed day and night, dressings and other treatment being carried out in the open.

The operating theatre, spacious, well lighted and well equipped, is one of the busiest departments of the institution. A practical point we noticed in connection with the provision for the scrubbing of mackintoshes was that the board for this purpose adjoined a sink, thereby greatly simplifying and accelerating the cleaning process. Another item worthy of note was a cupboard in the wall of the lavatories, in which

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