

Every department spelt efficiency, and, wonderful to tell, everyone appeared contented and happy. It was really delightful to wander through the dainty wards and private rooms and to hear from all and each such grateful appreciation of their care and treatment. "They can't do enough for us." "Night and day you have only got to ask and have."* "There isn't one nurse that will not do anything for you." "As for Sister, she is an angel," and so on. Indeed, we thought that if the circumstances of sickness could be made attractive, it was done in this place. In the trim little kitchens we caught glimpses of appetising little trays, with a complete tea equipage for each patient. We also learned that, following this meal at a later hour, a supper of fish and a sweet is served. The mid-day dinner was described as consisting often of fowl, pheasant, and other good things, and one lady assured us, with appreciation, that there was no stint of anything. This alone makes this hospital worthy of commendation, as the commissariat of like institutions is too often very inadequate.

The wards or cubicles, as they are called, contain about ten

beds. Complete privacy can be secured by each patient by just drawing the white washable curtains that surround her bed. The inclusive sum (of all but washing) for these is £1 5s. per week.

£2 10s. per week is the charge for the delightful single rooms, which are fitted with every convenience and comfort, including a real easy chair, which made one long to sit down.

Tea for the visitors was served in one of the wards. One was struck by the professional appearance of the nursing staff, which did not

* On each floor there are two night nurses, a Staff and assistant.

at all interfere with their cheery manner. One of their number, with great courtesy and patience, undertook to show us the administrative portion of the hospital, and the theatre. Of the latter, we have only space to say that it was all that it should be "in up-to-dateness." The theatre sister, and her maid, have their apartments on the same floor. The nurses' and servants' cubicles spoke eloquently of the consideration with which the staff is treated—charming little retreats they were for tired bodies and brains. Our guide assured us that the nurses were so happy and comfortable that they seldom wanted to change.

The large and convenient kitchen is worked entirely by gas, and many and complete are the various stoves and ovens from which are turned

out the appetising fare on which the well-being of patient and staff so largely depends.

Lastly, we were shown the little mortuary chapel, which was another instance of understanding sympathy. On the first floor a chapel proper is in course of being equipped.

So far as we were able to judge in a short visit, there was nothing that could be improved upon. Everywhere there was evi-

dence of grip and personal supervision, of efficiency and humanity. May we be allowed to offer our congratulations to Miss Houghton, the matron? It is on the personal supervision and the tone set by the Matron that the efficiency and domestic comfort throughout such an institution depend.

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