

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, GLASGOW.

The new Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, is a splendid building worthy of the great traditions of the hundred and twenty years during which the Infirmary has treated, alleviated, and cured the sick and injured who have sought its sheltering care, and the skill available within its walls. The original buildings, opened in 1794, and for ever memorable from their association with Lord Lister's epoch-making work, were taken down in 1912. In their place has arisen the great pile of buildings, arranged in accordance with the most modern principles, and on a scale indicative of the well-known liberality

is done in the Infirmary, and the floors are so arranged that each is self-contained. Each "chief" has two wards, one male and one female, on the same floor, with his own operating theatre and all the necessary annexes.

The Sisters seemed to me an unusually high type, professional in appearance, courteous in manner, keen, alert, and interested in their work, but indeed one formed a very high estimate of the nursing qualities of Scottish women as a whole. I was, however, told by more than one English nurse trained in Scotland that it is not only the national characteristics of the pupils that are to be credited with the good results obtained, but the excellence and thoroughness of the training they receive, which imprints the indelible mark of efficiency



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of the citizens of the commercial capital of Scotland, shewn in our illustration.

The Infirmary is well placed on rising ground close to the Cathedral, and on entering it no one could fail to be struck with its handsome proportions, and the delightful effect of the colour scheme selected, in which a soft Quaker grey is the dominant note. Under the guidance of the Matron, Miss Melrose, I had the pleasure of visiting many of its departments, and seeing the good work carried on in its busy wards. The principal entrance admits one to a central hall circular in form, and this is continued right up to the roof, the impression of symmetry, space, and light which one receives as one looks down from the different floors being very fine. Much more surgical than medical work

which we have come to expect in those holding the certificates of the great Scottish hospitals, whether the raw material is Scottish or English.

The sanitary arrangements are well planned, the bathrooms and lavatories being placed in annexes at the end of the wards, with cross ventilation between, at opposite corners. The taps of the bath are placed out of reach of the patient, and one sees the water running away from the bath in an open gully, a method favoured at the Royal Infirmary. In the lavatories the bedpans are stored on open wire shelves, fixed over the radiators, so that they are always warm, a nursing point which will be appreciated by all trained nurses.

The residence of the Superintendent of the Infirmary, Dr. J. Maxtone Thom, is at the top

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