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In the course of a year one visits many hospitals, but it is rarely my good fortune to see one which so nearly approximates to my ideals of what a hospital should be as the Western Infirmary, Glasgow. Ideally placed on a gentle slope, surrounded by well-kept grounds, the building is stately and imposing, and internally it bears evidence of the influence of expert knowledge in its construction, and of efficient supervision in every department.

In connection with the newest wards, the various offices—kitchen, linen-room, bathroom, room for convalescents, &c., provided before one comes to the ward proper are very complete. It is always a matter for surprise

modern appliance, some large screens, with iron framework and wide-spreading feet, light enough to be easily moved, roomy enough to give plenty of room for working behind, are specially noticeable.

The Nurses' Home is separated from the hospital by a conservatory, and a corridor decorated by handsome plants. The bedroom arrangements are excellent, and nowhere have we seen nurses provided with such roomy and convenient cupboards. There is ample accommodation for hanging purposes; below this and divided from it by a shelf is a section for boots and shoes; above, a shelf large enough to take good-sized hatboxes.

One of the most attractive departments is the kitchen, in which the nurses' food is cooked, and in which probationers learn invalid cookery



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that nearly every hospital is built with the bathrooms at the further ends of the wards, so that patients on admission are received in the wards before they have been bathed or their clothing removed. At the Western Infirmary new patients pass first to the bathroom before admission to the wards. Further, for patients who are not well enough to have a bath, a room is specially provided, in which the temperature is always kept up, in which they are washed on a table designed for this particular purpose. When necessary the head of the table can be moved round, so that, in the case of a woman, her long hair can easily be washed over the sink. The washing accomplished, the patient is wheeled on the table to his bed in the ward. In wards which are furnished with every

under the direction of the skilled Superintendent. Each pupil has her own gas-ring, a portion of the zinc-covered table, a pastry board, a drawer in which knives, forks, spoons, and cooking appliances are arranged in apple order, and below a cupboard for saucepans, bowls, pans, &c. Each pupil is also provided with a chair, the right arm of which is sufficiently enlarged to form a convenient writing board.

The nurses' dining-room is a pleasant place, and, as seems usual in the Scottish hospitals, meals are served at small tables, which, although involving a greater amount of service, gives a much more homelike atmosphere to the meals. It is a fashion worthy of adoption in all hospitals.

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