

NURSES HOMES.

THE LONDON HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL.

No hospital can be considered thoroughly equipped which does not provide adequate accommodation for its nursing staff, and the Board of Management of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., which has done so much to make the institution thoroughly efficient and serviceable to the public has recognised also its responsibility for the housing of its nurses, and built and equipped a Home for its seventy nurses at a cost of over £25,000. It will be recognised from our illustration, for which we are indebted to the kindness of the Secretary, Mr. E. A. Atwood, that it is admirably designed.

I recently had the pleasure of being taken over the Home by the Matron, Miss Belsham, and found much to admire in its arrangements. The Home is in Great Ormond Street, facing the hospital, the nurses crossing the road to go on and off duty. The handsome hall and corridors on the ground floor are paved with tessellated tiles, the predominating colour being a warm Venetian red. The sitting-rooms for both nurses and probationers are spacious and comfortably furnished, and the Sisters also have a sitting-room allotted to them in the Home, in addition to their rooms off their wards in the hospital. These rooms have polished floors, with warm rugs and comfortable chairs and couches, and there is also a silence room where studious nurses can read and write in quiet and comfort. There is no dining-room in the Home, as the nurses take all their meals in the hospital, but there is a small kitchen

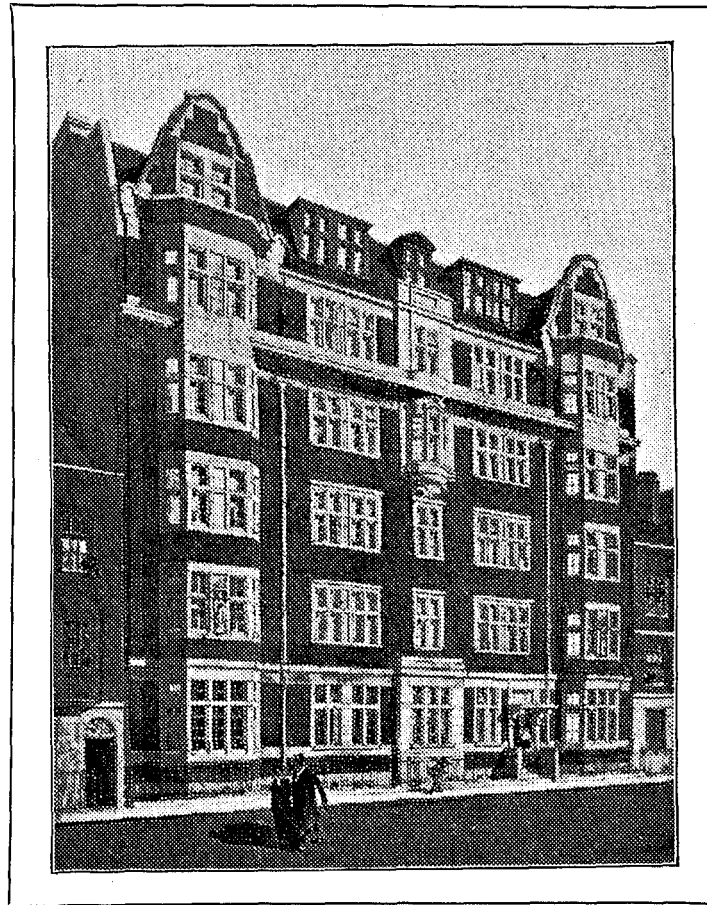
where breakfast can be prepared for nurses on their days off duty, and other light meals.

In the basement is a large recreation room, practically empty except for a grand piano, and here, when the day's work is done the nurses often dance, and otherwise amuse themselves, until the clock points the time for retirement for women whose work imposes upon them the obligation of breakfasting at 6.40 a.m.

Each nurse has a comfortable bedroom, well warmed, when necessary, by a radiator, and there are plenty of bathrooms, with the additional

luxury—or is it not rather a necessity—of arrangements for shampooing the hair.

Ample box-room accommodation is provided, so that there are no boxes in the bedrooms. The roof of the Home is flat, and there is a wide iron staircase outside the building. At the back of the Home is a Badminton Court, and one heartily agrees with the Matron that the arrangements for the welfare and comfort of the nurses are excellent. In addition, the salaries of the probationers in their first and second years have been increased to £12 and £15.—M. B.



THE NEW NURSES' HOME.

At a recent meeting of the Tolworth Hospital Joint Board, both the chairman (Mr. F. B. Ray) and the vice-chairman (Mr. J. A. Peel) were warmly thanked for their year's work on the Board. The former said he took a delight in the hospital; and the latter said that his employment took him amongst hospitals all over London and the home counties, and that he could say with confidence that he had never been in any hospital that was better managed than the Tolworth Isolation Hospital. We congratulate Miss Alexander (the Matron), to whose good management the hospital owes so much.

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