

various professional exhibits so charmingly, whose services in this connection have been previously acknowledged, but also to those who day by day gave such willing service in attending at the stand, caring for the exhibits—so that they retained their fresh and dainty appearance to the end—and explained them and their uses to visitors. Amongst these must be mentioned Miss B. Kent, Miss Farrington, Miss H. Hawkins, Miss A. Schüller, Miss M. Brown, Sisters and Nurses from St. Bartholomew's, the Royal Free Hospital, and the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C., the following members of the Registered Nurses' Society: Miss Melville, Miss Barling, Miss MacCarthy, and Miss Montserrat; and Miss Lewis, of the South Kensington Nurses' Co-operation.

Time was all too short for members of the Matrons' Council, when they visited Rochester, to enjoy more than a passing glimpse of many things of great interest, but we must draw attention to the beautiful chapel standing in the High Street on the site of the original St. Bartholomew's Hospital, founded by Bishop Gundulf in 1078, and the only part of the ancient hospital still preserved.

We are able, by the kindness of the Secretary of the Hospital, to reproduce this picture, and are also indebted to him for much of the information concerning the chapel, which, dating from twelve years after the Conquest, is one of the earliest Norman churches existing. The side chapel is quite possibly part of the original work of Bishop Gundulf, and the building was completed during the episcopate of his successor. The most noteworthy feature is the round, half-domed sanctuary, probably the earliest of the Norman apses remaining in this country.

Owing to the frequent resignations of nurses at the Medway Infirmary, Chatham, the Poor Law Guardians, on 28th ult., decided to make an effort to persuade them to remain by pro-

viding a tennis court, by planting trees in the infirmary grounds, by arranging a reading-room supplied with newspapers and magazines, and a pianoforte, and by providing parlour games. A Guardian ironically expressed regret that no provision was made for a dancing hall and a dancing master.

The question is not one for satire. The inability to obtain skilled nursing in Poor Law Infirmarys and elsewhere is one of very serious import indeed to the suffering poor.

The Secretary of the Bradford Infirmary expressed the opinion at a recent meeting that cases of attempted suicide should not be admitted to the Infirmary, as other patients were disturbed by the policemen who had to stand



Photo]

THE CHAPEL.

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by them (why stand?). He suggested that in future they ought to be taken to the Workhouse Infirmary. Wherever such sad cases are nursed, they should be isolated, and in the case of women patients should be watched by women. To have a policeman under such circumstances in a female ward creates the greatest discomfort. Just here is a duty in the execution of which the much-discussed policewoman would be invaluable.

The many nurses who have appreciated the thoughtfulness and kindness with which their comfort has been considered, when staying at 44, Norfolk Square, W., will hear with regret that Mrs. Chate will no longer preside over its destinies. Miss Hay enters into possession of the Home on May 8th.

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