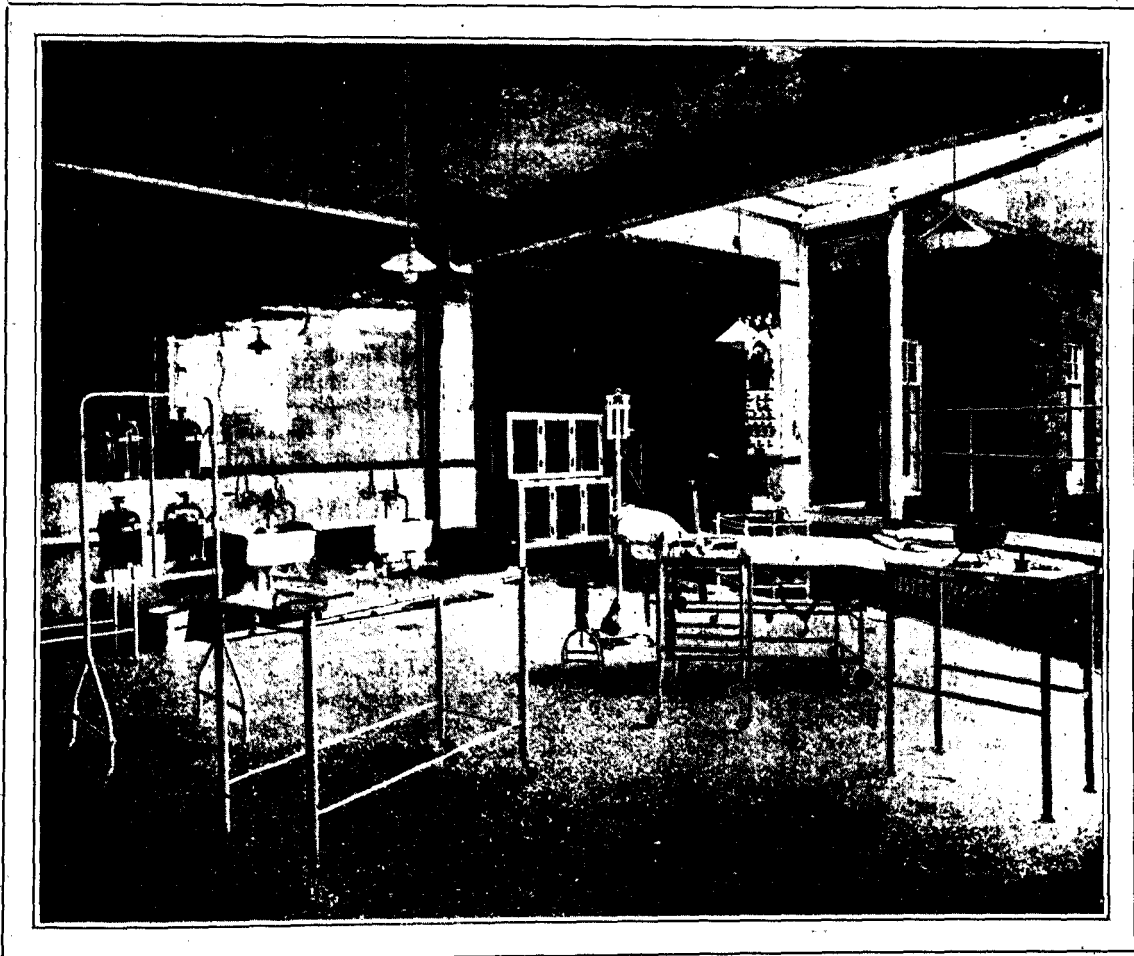


THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

The Birmingham and Midland Free Hospital for Sick Children, which has its in-patient department of 62 beds in Broad Street and a large out-patient department in Steelhouse Lane, has for over 50 years served the children of the city well. But the work has now outgrown the possibilities of the institution, and before very long this familiar landmark—standing well back from the road, with a broad carriage sweep in front, and the faces of little

Duchess of Argyll, who was accompanied by the late Duke.

The Matron of the hospital is Miss M. Fison Clarke. The term of training of probationers is for three years; ordinary probationers receive a salary of £9, £11, and £14 respectively. If, by mutual agreement, the probationer stays for a fourth year, she is paid at the rate of £20. A certain number of special probationers are received between the ages of 20 and 26. At the end of the first year they can, with the



THE THEATRE, BIRMINGHAM MIDLAND AND EYE HOSPITAL.

children peeping from the wide-open windows, as they lie in cots arranged that they may obtain as much of the fresh air as possible—will be a thing of the past, for a fine new hospital, built as a memorial to the late King, by popular subscription, is rapidly approaching completion in Ladywood Road, and it is anticipated that the opening ceremony will take place next year. The foundation-stone was laid in April of last year by H.R.H. Princess Louise,

approval of the Matron, continue their work at the same salary as the regular probationers.

Many nurses begin their training in a children's hospital, when too young for general work, and then pass on to a general hospital, a comprehensive training which makes them exceedingly valuable workers later on.

The Nurses' Home is apart from the hospital, and in the intervening space children can lie out in the fresh air under cover.

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