

THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

Birmingham is fortunate in its hospitals, and we may add, in its matrons, as at the Queen's Hospital, under the direction of Miss M. A. Buckingham, the nurse training school has a high reputation. Whether the wards, with their beautifully polished floors, the theatre, the dispensary, or any other departments are visited, it is manifest that all are utilised to the limits of their capacity in this busy hospital. There is a separate block for cases which are septic on admission, and many of these are very acute. After seeing the roof ward, with one side entirely open, but so arranged that shelter from the wind can be given if neces-

All Sisters and staff nurses at the Queen's Hospital get off once a month from 2 p.m. on Saturday to 10 p.m. on Sunday, and the night nurses are to be congratulated that the committee on Tuesday granted the request of the Matron for a substantial increase in their nights off. Every night nurse for the future is to have two nights off every sixteen days—practically one a week—which ought to make night nursing much more popular than at present, and to minimise its mental and physical strain. Those who did night duty in the strenuous past, when three months on duty without a day off was usual, will congratulate the nurses of the Queen's Hospital.



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sary, one wonders why every hospital has not a similar ward. The needs of the night nurse have not been forgotten, and a cosy corner where she can sit and yet keep every patient under observation has been arranged for her. The nurses are fortunate in having a tennis court, and a garden border of their own, and the Matron's garden contains many delightful treasures.

Nor must we forget to mention the Chapel, appreciated by both patients and nursing staff.

The group on this page includes the Matron, the General Superintendent, Mr. Arthur Hulme, and, no doubt, many of the members of the League affiliated on Tuesday to the National Council of Trained Nurses.

EXAMINATIONS.

At the recent examination of nurses at the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, seven nurses entered for the third year examination and all passed; twenty entered for the first year examination, and nineteen passed.

At these examinations as in all others held in the hospital, one third of the marks obtainable are awarded for practical work, so that those who are not at their best in a theoretical examination have still the opportunity to obtain a fair proportion of marks.

The maximum number of marks in the third year examination was 750, of which the gold

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