

the loan of six gramophone records, which were willingly lent. By and by, the borrower reappeared, with the request, "Could you lend us a gramophone to play the records on?" The story, when it reached Mr. Singer, so appealed to him that he promised the ward a gramophone of its own. That makes the sixth, with which the wards make merry one against the other.

In one ward a patient was making coloured flowers most cleverly out of ribbons. He is a character and an acrobat, and when the Sister thinks he is sweeping the ward, she may chance to see that to the amusement of his comrades he is balancing the broom, head upwards, on the tip of his nose.

Of course, sanitary accommodation has had to be added to fit the house for its present use, and the

representatives from the London, University, Westminster, St. Mary's and Bradford Hospitals. Several Australian Hospitals are also represented and two American.

The Medical staff includes: Mr. J. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S., Senior Surgeon, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, as Principal Medical Officer; Sir William Osler, F.R.C.P., F.R.S., as Consulting Physician; Sir Rudolph Smith, F.R.C.S.; Dr. W. W. Stabb, Hon. Surgeon and Physician; Colonel Gunning, Commandant; Mr. Rupert Farrant, R.M.O.

The American unit, who came over in the *Red Cross* with Miss Hay, and were assigned to duty at the American Women's Hospital, with Sister Mabelle, a graduate of the City Hospital, Boston, as Supervisor, work in "Munsey"—a large ward,



THE ENGLISH STAFF, AMERICAN WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, PAIGNTON.
Mr. Paris Singer. Mr. Ernest Lane, F.R.C.S.
Miss Fletcher.

arrangement is excellent. The bath rooms are well planned; there are plenty of shelves for bed pans and other crockery. Amongst the former, I noticed the Meinecke "Perfection" pan—which deserves its name because it is so comfortably adaptable, and anatomically correct. The w.c.'s are arranged in a row, side by side, with their own passage, and shut off by a door from the bath-rooms.

The nursing staff working in the main building include Sisters Graham, Bates, Taylor, Field, Scott, McBurney, Jefferys, Hamar, Weaver, Crommelin, Walsh, Cornell, Hotin, Reid, Mary Reid, Pomeroy, Perkins, Hill, Danson, and Price. Our illustration shows this staff with Miss Fletcher in the centre of the group. Amongst these are

formerly the gymnasium, of 67 beds; the medical staff being Dr. Beal, Dr. Fitzsimmon, and Dr. Leonard. It was a happy inspiration to give them this ward where they can work under their own doctors on their own lines. The marble-topped lockers, roomy, and well designed, were made locally, and peeping into one, I saw that Tommy Atkins had arranged his belongings with marvellous method and neatness, and was told that it was always the same. In the adjoining kitchen I noted a wonderful bread-cutting machine which grips the loaf, and then slices it at lightning speed. The operating theatre is at stated times put at the disposal of the American surgeons, needless to say it is most completely equipped, and has a floor covered with sheet lead, which

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