type above the ordinary, capable, courteous, and well disciplined. Their duties are onerous. Each Sister is allowed a half day off duty weekly from 2.30 to 10 p.m., when it does not interfere with her work, or the probationers' classes. Special leave has to be asked each time for this privilege, and two Sisters may not leave the same pavilion the same evening.

During the Birmingham Nursing Conference Miss Thomas entertained three of the members in the kindest manner—Miss A. Smith, Matron of the Kingston Infirmary; Sister Barber; and Miss Holford, Matron of the Surrey Nursing Home, Surbiton—who greatly appreciated the hospitality so charmingly extended to them.

## REFLECTIONS

## FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King and Queen had a great reception in Scotland, and were greatly pleased with it. In the message sent through the Secretary for Scotland to Provost Stevenson, of Glasgow, it was stated His Majesty was deeply interested by his visits to the fine new buildings of the Royal Infirmary and of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, and to the Western Infirmary, in which are to be found the most recent examples of the application of science to surgery as well as the completest and most modern medical equipment, and which are proofs of the munificent charity of the citizens of Glasgow.

During the visit to Perth the fine New Royal



BIRMINGHAM INFIRMARY, NURSES' HOME AND CROQUET LAWN.

## MEDALS FOR NURSES.

The Board of Management of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, have decided to present bronze and silver long-service medals to the members of the nursing staff.

## SPEEDING THE PARTING GUEST.

Dr. John Brownlee, Physician-Superintendent of the Ruchill Hospital, Glasgow, and President of the Fever Nurses' Association, has been appointed Statistician to the Medical Research Committee under the Insurance Act Commission, and was recently entertained in Glasgow upon resigning his position—after fourteen years' work, between Ruchill and Belvidere Fever Hospitals for London where his future work will be. Infirmary came in for a visit, and Miss Bowhill, the Matron, was amongst those who had the honour of being presented.

Lord and Lady Newlands have, in commemoration of their Majesties' visit to Mauldslie Castle, intimated that they will give  $f_{25,000}$  to Glasgow Western Infirmary to complete the endowment of the Lady Hozier Convalescent Home at Lanark, which was founded by the late Lord Newlands, then Sir William Hozier, in memory of his wife.

In connection with the South London Hospital for Women a Teachers' League was formed a year ago, primarily to help the hospital and to endow beds for those following the educational profession. The League is keenly taken up by teachers all over the country, and is managed by a committee



