

In a separate portion of the building there is accommodation for 65 private patients. It seems that all the patients pay something according to their means, but the "private patients" pay the usual fees for medical and nursing attendance. Various wealthy people have endowed different parts of departments. Another example worth copying in England.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL.

This famous hospital—the Alma Mater of many of America's most famous nurses, it has been my privilege to see. Miss Noyes is the General Superintendent of this, and the three allied hospitals. Miss Brink, her assistant, most kindly devoted about two hours of her valuable time in conducting us over, and showing and explaining everything that she thought would interest us. Over the main entrance there is a balcony which formed part of the federal building from which George Washington delivered his inaugural address. Great structural alterations are taking place at this hospital; new and modern blocks are rapidly superseding old ones; much is already built, and in a few months' time, it is expected that it will be completed, and then, I should imagine from all I have seen and heard, that it will probably be one of the finest hospitals in the world. To mention that there are 1,381 beds, will convey some idea of the size. When finished there will be no less than eight theatres. It stands on the bank of the river, and one of its most interesting features is that it possesses an old steamer, which was formerly an old ferry boat; this serves the excellent purpose of a tuberculosis camp, and here the patients live, and enjoy a measure of sea air. There is what is called a "dressing-room" which is in reality a small surgery, attached to each ward; all dressings are done here and not in the ward, and even patients unable to leave their beds are wheeled in. An observation ward where all children are kept for a few days before they are allowed in the general wards. A ward for well children whose mothers cannot leave them at home without them. School rooms on the boat (tuberculosis camp) where the children are instructed by teachers supplied by the Board of Education, are among the many interesting features of this hospital.

Nurses from 40 affiliating schools are employed here, as well as sixteen post graduates.

The preliminary course at the Bellevue is for three months, and here again a well-equipped diet kitchen is an essential feature of the education. Six lady doctors, as well as those of the opposite sex are in attendance. Air beds versus the old fashioned and cumbersome water beds are used for the well-being of the patients. Have we any "lung motors" in any of our British Hospitals? I trow not. I was much attracted by the one shown to me at the Bellevue. It is used to supersede the old method of artificial respiration, and is a most ingenious contrivance. There is an excellent school of Midwifery attached to the Hospital, where we saw some delicious little black

babes as well as white. We were afterwards hospitably entertained to lunch by Miss Noyes in the fine dining hall of the Nurses' Residence. It thrilled me with pleasure to hear her speak in the highest terms of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. She is attending the Nursing Conference at San Francisco.

BEATRICE KENT.

A ROYAL RECEPTION.

Miss Annie Hulme writes:—"Here we are at Hotel Martha Washington, ready to start for San Francisco after a really 'Royal' time in New York. We have been simply overwhelmed with invitations, flowers, tickets, and the Matrons of the big hospitals are so gracious and charming that we are quite sorry to leave New York—Miss Dock is coming to see us off so goodbye for the present."

It is no empty honour to represent the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland at an International Council Meeting and Nursing Congress.

FRENCH FLAG NURSING CORPS.

Candidates for the French Flag Nursing Corps for service in France can be interviewed by arrangement with Lady Barclay, 60, Nevers Square, London, S.W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will be at 431, Oxford Street, W., on Friday, June 25th, and Monday, June 28th, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., to see candidates.

THE "ALLENBURY" CONCENTRATED FOOD PRODUCTS

The "Allenbury" Products of Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., 37, Lombard Street, London, are always so highly and deservedly esteemed by nurses that we are glad to be able to draw attention to some additions of recent date. Their "Diet Tablets," composed of pure rich milk, whole wheat and chocolate, and their "Nutrient Lozenges," which contain the valuable properties of pure rich milk, whole wheat, and soluble extractives of lean beef, should prove invaluable to soldiers and travellers, and their meat soup squares, costing 1s. 9d. per box of 12 squares, should be to hand in small households, and for preparing tempting and appetising soup for convalescent patients.

LYSOL ANTISEPTIC TOILET SOAP.

We have received from Messrs Charles Zimmermann & Co., Ltd., 9 and 10, St. Mary-at-Hill, London, E.C., a specimen of Lysol Antiseptic Toilet Soap. It is a superfatted soap, which besides having about 5 per cent. of Lysol incorporated, has a most refreshing perfume. It is pleasant to use, lathering freely, and is put up in boxes containing 3 tablets at 1s. per box, to be had of all chemists. It is just the soap for the Front.

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