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In deciding upon a nursing school, the first thing to consider is whether the training given will fit the pupil for her professional work, both because it provides a sufficient variety of clinical material, and also because the theoretical instruction given is sound and thorough. Secondly, since the town in which the hospital is situated will be the home of the probationer for the next three years, this too is a matter of some importance. that of a keen educationalist and capable Matron, whose nurses will be well grounded and carefully taught.

The minor consideration of the locality of the hospital also commends it to the attention of those who are considering the adoption of nursing as a profession. The City of York is one in which it is impossible to spend even a brief period without being impressed by its beauty, and it is not surprising that those who live there grow to love it, or that it leaves its impress upon their characters. Its glorious Minster, its history, its present activities, as well as the fact



THE COUNTY HOSPITAL, YORK, SOUTH FRONT SHOWING BALCONIES.

The County Hospital, York, therefore is one which, on all these counts, merits consideration. Just now it has not only civilian, but military patients, the beds being increased to nearly 200, and the nursing school is under the superintendence of Miss Kathleen S. Stewart, previously Assistant Matron at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, and trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sunderland. It is well known that, pending the requirement of any standard of efficiency by the State, the standard maintained is set by the Matron, and Miss Stewart's reputation in the nursing world is that it is a great military centre, all combine to make life there most attractive.

The hospital itself, well set back from the road, is excellently placed, and the views from its windows stirring and interesting.

On entering the hospital, one is taken to the Matron's sitting-room, which is the centre of many activities.

Just now the military interest of the hospital is predominant. Patients, in the picturesque blue uniform of the convalescent soldier appear, to know if they may have leave for a few hours —a privilege readily given, and never abused.

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