

Women's Auxiliary. A beautiful new Nurses' Home—second to none, surely!—was opened on the first day of the year. My thanks are due to Miss Stothart, the Assistant Superintendent, who kindly conducted us over the building, affording us opportunities of seeing everything. Miss Randal, the Superintendent, was away for her holiday; she was present at the San Francisco Convention.

#### TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL.

To pass from the Vancouver General Hospital to the "Toronto General" meant a railway journey of something like 2,000 miles of space, and of beauty incomparable. One cannot speak of the Canadian Rockies in cold blood; one's pulses quicken at the bare thought of their tremendous

is worthy of the great and rich city of Toronto. Being so new, it has the advantage of possessing everything of the newest that the art of architecture can design, and medical science can require. All told, its capacity is 725 beds. In speaking of the new hospital, one must not forget the old, its mother which gave it birth. Presided over by a pioneer and one of Canada's most prominent Nurses, for 26 years it was one of the first and best training schools of the Dominion. It has been my pleasure to meet some of Miss Snively's Graduate Nurses who talk of her with the greatest respect and affection, and their term of training as a happy reminiscence. The old building is now used as barracks for the soldiers who are training for war service. Miss Gunn is the Superintendent of the New Hospital; and she



RECEPTION HALL, NURSES' HOME, VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL.

splendour, they cannot be passed over, so I will use an abler pen than my own to give a very brief description. Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee, in describing the approach to them from the east, says:—"As you follow the course of the sun, the peaks loom gradually up into the sky and dominate the scene, but still retain the atmosphere of another world. The rolling foothills in the foreground, like spent waves from the storm-tossed sea, seem tangible and comprehensible, but beyond and above the dark ramparts of the outer range the towering outer wave of the mountains, float silvery outlines that seem to be the fabric of some other and purer world." One felt thankful for the foothills, which soften the contrast between the Rockies and the level, treeless prairies.

This hospital which is only just two years old

kindly gave us most of her time one morning to conduct us over, and then restored our spent energies by giving us a delicious lunch afterwards.

It is built on the Block system, one being for the accommodation of private patients; there are 150 beds in this Block.

The "Unit System" is also in vogue here. It consists of 1 male ward, 1 female, 1 operating room, 1 pathological ward, a kitchen and the Head Nurses' office. It comprises 36 surgical beds, and 65 medical. The Unit kitchen is very fine and serves as a school of dietetics, presided over by the instructing dietician, who gives four weeks' instruction. The nurses in the private patients' Block, do *all* the cooking for their patients and receive thirty lectures in dietetics. All the nurses receive special instruction

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