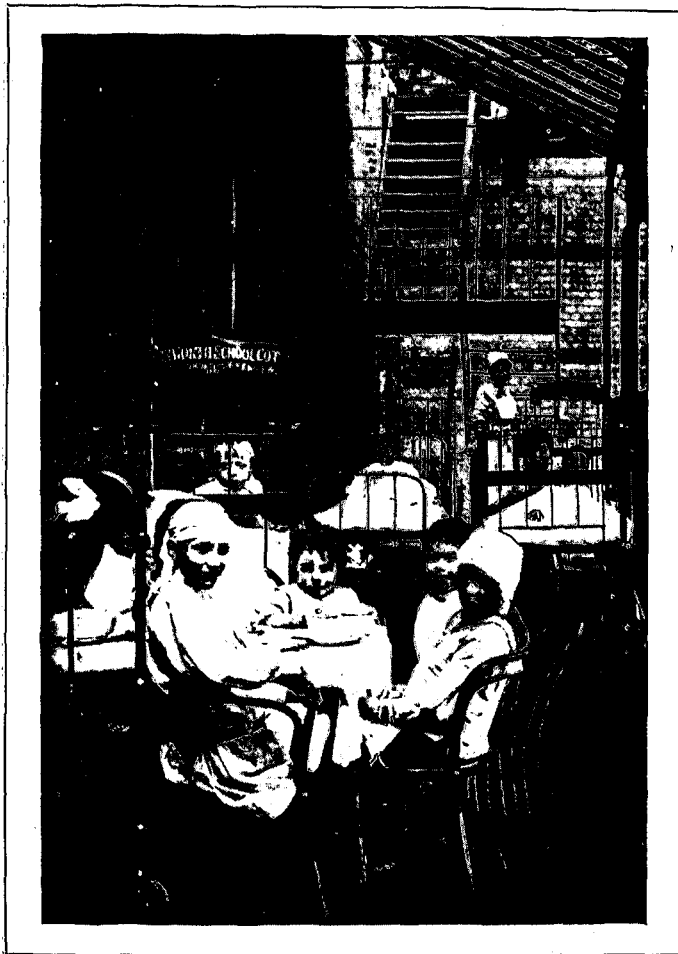


## AN INDISPENSABLE HOSPITAL.

### THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.

The Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, N.E., has the reputation of being one of the hardest working hospitals in London, and we can well believe it, when we learn that the 134 beds are practically always occupied, and extra ones often have to be put up, as is evident from



BALCONY OF BARCLAY WARD.  
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the fact that the daily average occupied is 138. The in-patients last year numbered 2,161, and the out-patient attendances were 108,000, of which 44,000 were new cases.

Although situated considerably eastward of Shoreditch Church, the hospital is in direct communication with the West End, as a 'bus, which passes the door, comes direct to the Marble Arch, and as most nurses find taking the air on the top of a 'bus invigorating and pleasant, and the kaleidoscopic view of London most entertaining, this is very convenient.

The ordinary age at which probationers are received is 21, but in these days the rule is somewhat elastic. The training is for three years, and a nurse who at its conclusion undergoes a further three years' training in a general hospital is extremely well equipped for the practice of her profession. The comfort of the Nursing Staff has also been a matter of considerable consideration. By the kindness of the Secretary, Mr. Glenton Kerr, we are able to produce an illustration of the

Nurses' Home, built in 1906, as well as of the balcony of Barclay Ward. In their Home, each of the Nurses has a separate bedroom, there is a bathroom to every eight bedrooms, and there is a shampoo room, and a box-room. Think of it, nurses who were trained a quarter-of-a-century ago! Staff Nurses and probationers have separate sitting-rooms. As will be seen from our picture on page 106, the Home has a flat roof from which a fine view is obtainable.

In the hospital each floor of two wards, with wide balconies on to which cots can be rolled, is in charge of a Sister, and each has its own spacious kitchen. The walls are lined with opalite, green in tone, which, with green screens in harmony, produces a very restful effect, as well as having the advantage of being easily washed. Should any infection occur, a ward can be readily and easily disinfected. Constant washing, so says the Matron, Miss A. M. Bushby, who evidently has her department in most competent and genial control, is a necessity, as everything in the locality quickly gets soiled. The wards have no blinds, the Matron being a great believer in the therapeutic value of sunshine. Just now, when windows have to be closely screened, and suitable material is scarce, some ingenious person has discovered that mackintosh sheeting, which is not impervious to wet, and therefore cannot be used for its legitimate purpose, will screen windows admirably, and a porter comes round and hangs these extempore blinds in position at dusk. The operating

theatre, with its electric heated table, and everything necessary to hand, is flooded with light. This table, by the way, needs some careful management, lest the outer edge gets too hot.

Adjoining the theatre is the anaesthetic room, where is to be seen a practical stretcher on wheels, and the sterilizing room is well-equipped. Miss Bushby is a great believer in the work of medical women, and the hospital is happy in having as the R.M.O., Dr. Bousfield, who for the duration of the war has been appointed Assistant Surgeon. Miss Bushby thinks the sensitive fingers

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