

of a large family mansion. The numerous rooms on the ground floor, are all spacious and lofty, and all have French windows opening on to the beautiful gardens which stretch almost out of sight. The rooms seem to be endless, and each one delightful.

One of these is the patients' dining room, which is furnished with small tables. The men are allowed to sit at any one that they may choose. The same freedom of choice extends to the sleeping accommodation, so that friends may have the privilege of sharing a room.

A covered south verandah is fitted up as a smoking lounge, where patients can watch their more energetic companions at their work in the garden, or at various games.

On the ground floor is a fine electrical room, with all the latest electro therapeutic appliances.

The quaint, rambling old house furnishes plenty of small rooms, which are very necessary for carrying out the rule of the Home, for every patient to have complete rest for varying periods on his admission.

According to their capacities, the patients are encouraged to work in various ways in the house and grounds. Workshops are in the course of being equipped.

The patients' activities will be mainly concentrated on the land, and there is abundant scope for work in that direction.

The pleasure grounds, with their wide, sweeping lawns, the lovely rock garden, rose-beds, flower-beds stocked with sweetness and beauty, will surely bring healing to those whose labour can only be that of love.

And beyond that there is the kitchen garden containing all manner of tempting vegetables, greenhouses, and, indeed, everything that a garden could or ought to have.

A large piece of freshly ploughed land, we were informed, was ready for a French gardener, who was shortly coming over to teach the men the methods of intensive culture. The vegetable produce is to be sold, and the Matron told us that even the hospital would have to purchase for its large family at cost price.

Of course a generous diet is a great feature of the treatment, and we observed that the Matron smiled when we asked a question as to its liberality.

The staff consists of two resident medical officers, the Matron, four Sisters, and six staff nurses. The Matron hopes later to have some paid probationers, as the nature of the house adds enormously to the work. The night staff consists of a Sister and two nurses, and the night nursing of these cases necessitates the greatest attention, as it often happens that bad symptoms recur at night in a patient who has been fairly well during the day.

Miss Goldthorp, the Matron, was trained at the London Hospital, where she subsequently held the post of Sister.

It speaks much for her administrative ability that she has been able to organise so successfully

and thoroughly in a comparatively short space of time, the enormous house with its endless passages and rooms, which though they are very charming, present many difficulties.

Such a Home is indeed a haven for the poor men, whose nerves have been torn and shattered on the battlefields of this ruthless war. Looking out from their pleasant rooms on to the smiling flower gardens, their stormy past must appear as an evil dream.

We are indebted for our illustration to the kindness of Mr. H. W. Burleigh, Secretary of the Maida Vale Hospital, who is the Hon. Secretary of the Home. H. H.

FOR A JUST BILL.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with thanks the following donations:—

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, £5; Miss B. Cutler, £2 2s.; Anon, per Miss Breay, £2; City of Westminster Nurses' League, £1 1s.; Miss Ramsden, £1 1s.; Anon, per Miss Kent, £1; Miss MacMaster, £1; Dr. Anna Hamilton, 13s.; Miss M. Goody, 10s.; Miss L. Taylor (Zanzibar), 10s.; Miss A. Ross, 6s. 6d.; Miss E. A. Johnston, 6s.; Miss M. Sutton, 3s. 7d.; Miss E. Martin, 2s. 6d.; Miss Alice Shaw, 2s.; Miss E. M. Knight, 1s.; Miss S. W. Strahan, 1s.

PRESENTATION TO MISS AMY HUGHES.

Queen Alexandra received Miss Amy Hughes at Marlborough House, on Monday morning, July 23rd, on her resignation as General Superintendent of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses; and presented to her, on behalf of the Council of the Institute, a purse, in recognition of her services for twenty-two years in connection with the Institution.

The following Members of the Council of the Institute were also received by Her Majesty: The Viscount Goschen (Chairman), Mrs. George Byron (Hon. Secretary) the Lady Northcote (President of Queen Alexandra's Committee), the Dowager Lady Dimsdale (Vice-President of Queen Alexandra's Committee), the Countess of Kenmare (Chairman of the Irish Advisory Committee), Lord Aberdare (representing the South Wales Nursing Associations), Miss Bright (representing the Affiliated Associations in Lancashire and Cheshire), and Sir Dyce Duckworth (representing the Royal College of Physicians).

CROIX ROUGE FRANÇAISE COMITÉ DE LONDRES.

Queen Alexandra has sent to M. Cambon, the French Ambassador, a donation of £100 for the London Committee of the French Red Cross. We are glad to hear "France's Day" was a stupendous success—the generosity of the public was unbounded.

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