

with other clubs. There is a fine billiard-room, its large lampshades painted by Miss Brodie and her Assistant Matron. In the dining-room the tables, set for four, all look dainty and attractive, and the huge hot table indicates that tepid meals are not part of the programme of this establishment.

When we visited the kitchens we were shown one machine for preparing vegetables "built and constructed as invented by our own Clerk of Works." A patient, with an obvious sense of pride, put this wonderful machine through all its manœuvres, and we really were impressed tremendously with the rapidity and thoroughness with which it sent out vegetables finely chopped, as for the delicious Scotch broth we had enjoyed at lunch, while potatoes, that went in with muddy coats, came out like school boys' faces on Sunday morning. It cut up the rhubarb and did innumerable clever things; padlocks on various parts of its anatomy prevented the slightest risk of accident to the operators. We admired many other labour-saving devices, and remarked how good the tea must be that came from the delft teapots, firmly encased in asbestos under copper covers. Our visit to the laundries was most interesting, and it was wonderful to see how quickly soiled sheets could come out dry, clean and smooth from their journey through the machines.

We learnt that the present Medical Superintendent has very enlightened ideas on the value of craft work, or "occupational therapy" as it is termed; in a building set aside for this work we saw a very creditable display of pewter work, rugs, baskets, chairmaking, carpentry of all sorts, wood carving, painting, embroidery, and many other branches of work. We had just time to peep into a very large garden with herbaceous borders, fruit and vegetables. Next we looked into the quiet mortuary, and from there crossed the grounds to the pretty chapel among the trees. But for the remembrance of the great iron gates at the entrance and the wall that marks the boundaries of the Hospital, our impression would have been that here was liberty hall. On a fine day very few patients are to be found in the Hospital. "On parole" they wander about the grounds or sit in groups with a nurse in charge. What strikes one is the sense of freedom, the absolute lack of the slightest unnecessary restriction.

In a house in one part of the grounds nine old ladies who have been long in hospital live in the charge of a nurse, and at Skelmorlie, on the Firth of Clyde, there is a convalescent home connected with the Hospital.

Of the Nursing Staff twenty female and fifteen male nurses hold the full certificate in Mental Nursing and about one-third of the whole Staff hold the State Certificate. The Royal Asylum was the first Mental Hospital in Scotland to send up candidates for the State Examination. Miss Brodie is a keen nursing educationalist and, we are informed, is regarded by her nurses as possessed of a very stimulating influence in helping them to maintain high educational ideals in a branch of Nursing work which is becoming increasingly important year by year.

The nurses in training have lectures from the Medical Staff, the Matron and the Senior Assistant Matron, and they have opportunity for acquiring a knowledge of Occupational Therapy. Altogether we were greatly impressed during our visit to this great Hospital for Mental Diseases. Dr. Henderson is a most enthusiastic Superintendent, and his enthusiasm seems to penetrate into the activities of every department of the Institution. We had the pleasure of meeting the Medical Staff while lunching with Miss Brodie, and appreciated the obvious interest which they took in all the new developments of Nursing Organization.

Health Week, under the auspices of the Royal Sanitary Institute, has been observed from October 3rd—9th.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Prince of Wales will visit Doncaster on October 12th, to lay the Foundation Stone of the New Royal Infirmary.

We are reminded that it is exactly half a century since the foundation stone of the Stockton-on-Tees Hospital was laid, and quite recently Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles performed the ceremony of opening beautiful new wards, an out-patients' department, and staff headquarters, which through the great generosity of friends have been recently built and equipped. Sir Frank Brown, president, welcomed the Princess.

Sir Hugh Bell, Lord Lieutenant of the North Riding, said that the scheme had cost £71,000, all of which was raised by public subscription. The late Sir Robert Ropner and Sir John Ropner had each given £10,000, while the Mayor of Stockton gave £15,000. Before leaving the hospital Princess Mary planted a tree in the hospital grounds, and received a replica in a silver pot as a memento.

The Duke of Connaught has consented to be a patron of a children's carnival and fancy dress party which Lady Warrender is arranging on Thursday, November 25th, at 3.30 p.m., at Claridge's, to raise money to complete the building of the British Hospital for Mothers and Babies, S.E. 18.

"Bart's" is becoming quite up-to-date in methods of appeal—"Fleet Street Week" will extend from October 9th to 15th, and a most attractive programme has been arranged for each day. This grand old hospital is the only one in the City of London, and during the last 50 years nearly 8,000,000 patients have received treatment. Lord Rothermere has "opened the ball" with £5,000, and it is hoped to raise £20,000.

The "week" will begin on Saturday, October 9th, with a procession, a mile long, through the City, starting from the Victoria Embankment at 3 p.m. A tableau representative of the work of the hospital will be at the head. On Sunday, October 10th, there will be appeals in the City churches, and at 3.30 p.m. a Masonic service will be held in St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, when the Lord Mayor will be present. On Monday there will be a treasure hunt, and Tuesday, October 12th, has been fixed for the public collection in the streets of the City. At 12.30 p.m. there will be a gift auction sale in Bush House and an Empire concert at 8.30 p.m. in Kingsway Hall. On Wednesday evening a boxing tournament is to take place at the Stadium Club, Holborn, and on Thursday and Friday a bazaar will be held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the Lady Mayoress.

All friends are invited to frequent the City during the "week" with pockets full of money.

The new Chapel of St. Michael and All Angels at the West London Hospital was consecrated by the Bishop of Kensington on September 28th. Mr. Dan Mason, whose generous action enabled the Chapel to be built, was present, supported by a distinguished company.

The Bishop of Kensington, in his address, said that to dedicate a chapel in the middle of a hospital was something for which to thank God. It was an acknowledgment of their dependence. Their great work of making whole was a work of co-operation, and here there was a place set apart that emphasised who it was that co-operated with them. They could go there and touch His hand and then go out with some of that touch and bring joy and hope to those who came to the hospital.

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