

carded for overalls, and faces and fingers are smeared with jam, to their owners' deep content. The sun chalet outside reminded us of one somewhat similar to which we were introduced in a hospital in Helsingfors, and we admired the comfortable perambulators, one of them providing accommodation for six small people. Apparently convalescent patients are very ready to lend a hand in helping with the healthy children under three, but the older children, recovering from ailments, require to be much in the fresh air, and, when out in the grounds, they are in charge of an attendant who is not a trained nurse. The sick and convalescent children can wear their own or the hospital clothes as the parents choose, the sole proviso being that, if the former course is taken, clean garments must be brought for the children at definite, short intervals. Evidently the nurses in charge of the children have a good idea of the value of occupational therapy, for the convalescent children are already busy in the preparation of decorations for the Christmas season.

In the Sister Tutor's Department we found some very excellent diagrams ingeniously adjusted on special frames so that they can be easily and quickly turned round, as occasion demands. There is, of course, the usual "patient" in bed, and, also available, a very perfect figure of an infant for use in nursing which is more particularly connected with children. The lectures are given by members of the Medical Staff and by the Matron and Sister Tutor; Miss

Allbutt holds periodical examinations in practical work in this department of the Hospital. Some of the models are particularly fine, especially one of the head in which the very smallest bones are shown in the greatest perfection of detail. The lectures appear to cover a great deal, but the cyclostyled headings and summaries of each, which are handed to the students, are exceedingly comprehensive so that they not only repeat much of the substance of the lecture in "tabloid form," but they place on record for the nurses, the ground that examination may be expected to cover. Also in the Sister Tutor's room, there is a lantern which throws on the white wall pictures of the various bacteria, probably a much more efficacious means of making the acquaintance of these than by staring at them through a microscope, as was customary in the days of our own training. Typical temperature charts hang about the walls and we admired some very admirable drawings of the different organs of the body done by the probationers with great precision and care; we envied the artist whose work, a diagram of the eye, was shown to us, for she must, in that large and very detailed drawing, have grasped very thoroughly

the knowledge of the mechanism of that organ, which is now required of nurses sitting for one or other of the Examinations in hygiene, held by various public bodies.

Miss Allbutt, Matron of the Hospital, is evidently very keen for the advancement of nursing education in the Fulham Hospital and every encouragement is given to the nurse to acquire such an equipment of knowledge as will enable them to hold, with credit, what posts may fall to their lot in after years. Examinations are held twice in each year and the State Examination at the end of the nurses' training is regarded as the final.

We admired the tennis courts provided for the nurses by the present Chairman of the Hospital, Miss Fulford. Near the little mortuary Chapel we came upon the finest chrysanthemums we have ever seen in any London garden. The massage department is very complete, and we looked

into the ground floor wards of the observation blocks, into the workroom where the electric sewing machines were busily preparing all sorts of things; all the patients' garments are made here and the nurses' uniform.

By the Nurses' Home is a great brass plate commemorating its opening by H.R.H. the late Princess Christian in 1905. We admired the beautiful sunlit dining room with its wealth of flowers, the pretty sitting room, the "quiet room," the night and day nurses' quarters, and the little conservatory looking out on one of the garden enclosures which are so frequent within the boundaries of the Hospital. The wards of the Hospital are very spacious, with an abundance of light, and they look exceedingly pretty with fires, in all except the children's wards, where there are the guarded radiators only; the pretty "willow pattern" screens and abundance of flowers add much to the general brightness of the patient's surroundings.

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BABIES AT THE FULHAM HOSPITAL, HAMMERSMITH.
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NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

November 15th. Nursing Homes.

In the House of Commons on November 15th Mr. Gerald Hurst asked the Minister of Health whether he has considered the report of the Select Committee on Nursing Homes; and if he intends to initiate legislation next session, with a view to adopting its recommendations?

Mr. N. Chamberlain: The report is now under consideration, but I am not yet in a position to make any statement in regard to legislation to give effect to the Select Committee's recommendations.

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