

The Silence Room provides the necessary quiet for writing lectures, and for reading, and in the Demonstration Room proficiency can be gained in carrying out practical nursing duties in the wards.

Here too we noticed the following verses framed and hung on the wall, and surely no prayer is more fitting for a nurse in a hospital dealing always with the abnormal.

Make me normal I would pray,
Keep me normal day by day,
Strong, I pray Thee, balanced, sane,
Normal body, normal brain.
I would be, if I might choose,
Somewhat witty to amuse,
Somewhat clever to achieve,
Somewhat capable to grieve,
Somewhat kind to offer balm,
Somewhat like a quiet psalm.
Somewhat fiery when need be,
Ever quick with sympathy.

Not too good, nor yet too bad,
Often happy, sometimes sad.
Just a normal decent friend,
Courage, girl, until the end.
Not a genius hard to please,
Rather one who can with ease
Find wherever she may go
People she is glad to know.
Merely normal every way,
For this blessing I would pray.

Beyond these rooms are again the Nurses' and Sisters' Recreation Rooms with French windows opening on to a flagged verandah, to which chairs and tables can be easily moved.

The two floors above are devoted to bedrooms, bathrooms, etc., opening on to wide corridors with hot and cold water laid on, tastefully and harmoniously furnished, with large windows overlooking wide stretches of open country or the pleasant quadrangle of the Home.

The half is not told, but space does not permit further details. To those who would know more of this great House of healing and its history, we commend the *Retrospect* 1828-1927, issued in connection with the centenary of the Hospital, and written, printed, bound and illustrated by its staff.

Tea with a profusion of dainty cakes was served in the Home to the visitors by Sisters, Nurses, and maids, with hospitality, celerity and efficiency, and many of the visitors gathered round the Matron, Miss Macaulay, to tender their warm congratulations to her and to the Medical Superintendent on the realisation of their hopes, and the success of the day's arrangements.

To those who are watching the evolution of Nursing and the raising of Nursing Standards, it is a delight to visit a mental hospital where the standard is so high, and the atmosphere among the staff and patients so delightful. It should be the aspiration of every nurse to learn something of the care of the mentally sick, even if she does not mean to adopt mental nursing as a permanent vocation, and we know that well-educated and refined gentlewomen are desired as probationers in mental hospitals. The brain is probably the most sensitive and delicate of all the organs of the body, and nurses are needed to care for patients suffering from diseases of the brain who are understanding and sympathetic. The patients in the Kent County Mental Hospital are indeed fortunate to have a Medical Superintendent and Matron who possess these qualities and seek for them in others.

We advise any nurses desiring to qualify in this branch of Nursing to write to Miss Macaulay for particulars of training.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE KING EDWARD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, EALING.

Erected in honour of the late Queen Alexandra, a fine wing added to the King Edward Memorial Hospital at Ealing, was declared open by H.R.H. Princess Mary, G.B.E., on June 8th, in the presence of an enthusiastic gathering. Her Royal Highness was received on her arrival at the Hospital by the Mayor, the President of the Hospital; Sir Herbert Nield, the Chairman; Mr. Walter Davies, Mr. W. T. Van Someren, the Medical Staff, the Matron Miss M. E. Thurnham, M.B.C.N., and others.

In company with the Mayor and others, the Princess inspected the Wards, and then proceeded to the Princess Mary Ward, where were assembled the Town Council, the Medical Staff, and the Committee of Management. Here she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of mauve and pink sweet peas tied with royal blue and primrose ribbons, by Miss C. Hutchings. The Chairman, after an address of welcome, asked Her Royal Highness to declare the extension open, and accept purses.

In a neat little speech Her Royal Highness complied, and was cordially thanked on the proposition of the President.

A tablet has been placed on the wall, inscribed "In loyal and loving memory this Southern Pavilion was completed in May, 1927, and by command of His Majesty King George V was named the Queen Alexandra Wing of the King Edward Memorial Hospital."

A representative of this journal was shown round the new wing by the Matron, and was struck by the up-to-date fittings and the latest improvements for the benefit and comfort of the patients. The result was reflected in the happy faces and ready smiles that greeted the Matron as she made her tour of inspection. Her delightful personality added a touch of homeliness to the Hospital which was obviously appreciated by all.

During the visit the Guard of Honour mounted included: Ealing Fire Brigade, members of the St. John Ambulance Association, Ealing Boy Scouts, and Girl Guides, and the Ealing Girls' Guildry. Orchestral music was supplied by the Armoury Quartette.

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THE CROYDON GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The opening of the New Outpatients Department and other extensions at the Croydon General Hospital took place on Saturday, 25th June.

The opening Ceremony was performed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, in the presence of the assembled company of over 2,000 persons. He was welcomed by the Chairman of the Board of Management (Alderman G. J. Allen) who gave an account of the Hospital work and activities, and stated they still required a new Nurses' Home, and a Pay-patients Block for which they had the site, when sufficient money could be collected; the present extension cost £65,000.

The Archbishop made an earnest appeal for funds, alluding to Croydon's peculiar and difficult position. The people in contiguous rural areas, said His Grace, regarded Croydon as being in London, and from the London point of view Croydon was looked upon as being almost in the country. Hence Croydon's needs were often not properly appreciated, to the disadvantage of its hospital. It was, perhaps, a realization of that peculiar position which had led the King and Queen to give their benediction and encouragement to Croydon. He congratulated the Board of Management and their helpers on the work accomplished.

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