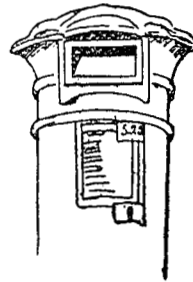


place, suitably furnished, and comfortable beds the same as the patients.

A Nurse is told off for night duty, but has a bedroom to herself, and when required she is summoned by the patients ringing the electric bells that are placed in the dormitories, and these bells have an amiable habit of never leaving off ringing until Nurse stops them by rising, and she then goes to see what all the noise is about.

All the soiled linen from the dormitories and lavatories, which are almost like patients' dressing-rooms, is sent down to the basement of the building by shoots fixed against the walls of the passages, and closed in by a sort of door that opens backwards, and when closed looks like a wall panel; it is made of polished wood, and only the initiated would guess its purpose. The water service of the Hospital is excellent and abundant, hot and cold water being supplied to the ward kitchens and lavatories throughout the building night and day; there is also a plentiful provision of water and fire hose and buckets for instant use in the event of a fire breaking out.

We have now to see the linen room, a long, lofty, rather narrow room, with a large window at one end, and a fireplace on one side of it, and also hot-water pipes for keeping it dry and warm. Fitted all round the walls were what I may call a sort of hanging cupboard, divided into compartments for bed, table, household, and surgical linen; for the latter the finest pheasant-eye diaper is used, being beautifully soft and comforting to tender eyes. "I am proud of my linen room," said the Matron. "We make everything, and mend everything we require, and make the best uses of our stores, converting old bed-ticks into good towels, and other things into cloths for rough household purposes; in fact, we waste nothing, and have a good supply of soft 'rags' on hand. The Committee are very liberal, and let me have all I really want in linens and all other things besides."



Letters to the Editor.

Notes, Queries, &c.)

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

*We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.*

DISTRICT NURSING.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—As you kindly invite discussion on "District Nursing," perhaps you may allow me to point out that the whole matter now lies in a nutshell.

Her Majesty the Queen, with the mature judgment and foresight for which she is remarkable, has established the "Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses," with the object "of providing Trained Nurses for the sick poor in their own homes." The well-considered and wise rules laid down for the work of this Institute at once direct the local Committees and protect the Nurse; whilst all clashing with "the powers that be" is avoided, and no premium is placed upon pauperism. It being undesirable that Charities should over-lap—wasting much money and labour—those interested in District Nursing would do well to affiliate themselves with Queen Victoria's Institute, and employ only "Queen's Nurses." By so doing, many vexed questions

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