

quarters for certain resident officers, including the Junior Assistant Physician and the Matron.

From the main hall corridors branch right and left, giving access to the offices of the Physician-Superintendent and to the waiting room for patients' friends, which is most comfortably furnished, also the nurses' lecture room furnished with desks, etc., and all necessary diagrams. The other portion of the corridor gives access to the offices of the Steward, the junior medical officers, the Matron and the Head Male Nurse.

On leaving this building the Matron, aided by the Assistant Matron, Miss C. A. Miller, conducted the visiting class to the various units of the Hospital. The first building to attract our notice was the kitchen and stores department, where all modern appliances, including electric cooking, are installed. Ingenious dinner trollies, manufactured by Messrs. Benham & Son, Ltd., attracted attention, and we were informed that by means of electric coils

charm to the whole. The patients' individual bedrooms, which all have a pleasing outlook over lawns, flower beds or woodlands, were nicely furnished and warmed with radiators, which were so devised as to heat the rooms individually. Restless patients who may require some special form of clothing were particularly catered for, and the "Teddy Bear" suit appeared to give great comfort and proper warmth to the whole body.

The other units, Fitzmary House and Gresham House, both have beautiful surroundings with lawns and woods and unrestricted views over the parkland.

The Lord Wakefield of Hythe Science and Treatment unit was of special interest. The Physiotherapy and Massage Department provides for many different forms of treatment, such as radiant heat baths, sunlight room, electrical treatment, X-ray, massage baths where patients can be massaged under water, Vichy treatment, sprays, etc. There is also a modern operating theatre with sterilising



THE NURSES' HOME, BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL.

food placed in these trollies is kept heated and conveyed by motor traction to all the units where the food is served in a perfect condition.

The stores house all the Hospital's requirements in the way of food, textile goods and hardware, and a refrigerating chamber ensures the proper storage of perishable foods such as meat, fish, milk, etc. In this building members of the staff who attend the Hospital daily for their duties have their meals served in comfortable surroundings.

The Boiler House with its electric generating plant was also noted.

The Hospital roads, which are bordered with cultivated lawns and the original woodlands, give access to all the units. The first visited was Tyson House, for the acute cases. The dining and sitting rooms were inspected and found to be comfortably furnished with chairs and chesterfields in gay colours, and pianos were also observed. The general colour scheme was sunshine yellow and gives a

room and surgeon's room and shower bath, with a small suite consisting of a recovery room and room for a general nurse who attends on the patients, and an up-to-date Dental Department.

The Hospital authorities realise the great value of Occupational Therapy and in the department for this purpose patients are instructed in handicrafts, and many charming articles made by them were on view. Painted pottery, needlework, leather work, rush stools, basket work and knitted garments were all in evidence.

In our tour of these various buildings particular notice was given to the furnishing, upon which much care and attention has been bestowed. The use of Lloyd Loom furniture both for couches and easy chairs lends itself to very happy colour schemes. These vary in the different units, but each has its own charm. The writing rooms, dining rooms and day rooms were well equipped, and in Witley House, where the convalescent patients reside,

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)