

the bedrooms have hot and cold water service. Here the patients of both sexes mingle freely for meals and recreation, both indoor and out, and they appear most happy in their charming surroundings.

The Nurses' Home was also visited, and we found the same attention to detail with respect to furnishing in evidence. Each nurse has a separate bedroom with a fixed wardrobe therein, and inset inside the door of the wardrobe is a long mirror. Spacious sitting rooms are provided, and the Assistant Matron and Home Sister have their own furnished suites. The large general lounge is gay with pretty furniture and has a first-rate piano. The kitchen attached to this unit contains every modern device for cooking and serving hot meals to the various dining rooms.

The Nurses' Demonstration Room contains the most up-to-date equipment of models, charts and instruments for the instruction and training for the nurses, including a modern Chase Doll which might well be the envy of many a modern training school.

The Matron informed us that on the ladies' side the nursing staff numbered some 46, about one nurse to every three patients, that the Hospital course of training covers a period of three years, and that the supervising sisters held the double qualification, i.e., general nursing and in addition the certificate of the Royal Medico - Psychological Association or of the General Nursing Council in mental nursing.

Miss Hearder expressed herself as fortunate in the educational standard of her probationers, some of whom, it was understood had matriculated.

The Chapel, before referred to, the gift of Lady Wakefield, was

also visited. Here a sense of serenity prevails. The walls are of white unadorned and the doors and pews of oak. A patternless crimson pile carpet covering the three aisles gives warmth and colour to the interior. The electric lamps, conspicuous in their simplicity, are of bronze, and the windows are adorned by coloured glass. Above the Altar the figures in the two windows are "Faith" and "Hope." The other windows give some clue to the history of the Hospital: The Arms depicted are those of the Hospital, of Henry VIII, the Charter King, of Her Majesty Queen Mary, who it may be recalled opened this new Hospital, of the President, Lord Wakefield of Hythe, of Sir Lionel Faudel-Phillips, Bt., the Treasurer, and of Sir Edward Cooper, Bt., Alderman, and one time Lord Mayor of London, in whose memory Lady Cooper defrayed

the cost of the Recreation Hall visited on our return to the Administration building. We found the same equipped with a stage and film apparatus recently adapted to "Talkies," and in this hall dances and many other forms of associated entertainment are enjoyed.

We returned to the dining room for tea, and our hostess drew attention to the interesting engravings hanging in the room. A striking one is that of Hogarth's famous picture portraying the last phase of "The Rake's Progress." It will be recalled that a scene in a former Bethlem Hospital is here depicted—two women are introduced into the gallery as curious spectators of the melancholy sight. This picture forms a striking contrast to the care in treatment, housing and detailed attention obtaining at the present day.

It would seem that the reforms have far exceeded the



SCENE IN BEDLAM.—"THE RAKE'S PROGRESS."

From the original picture by Hogarth.

best dreams of those philanthropists who busied themselves during the latter part of last century. This collection of beautiful red brick houses in the very midst of typical English park-like scenery, with wide windows and balconies, containing all modern comforts, has to be visited to be realised.

To our kind and tireless hostess, Miss Hearder, we turn with words of thanks and appreciation for all the courtesy and kindness extended to us, and for the information so generously vouchsafed by the Physician Superintendent, herself, and the staff generally with regard to this modern hospital, and we confess to admiration of the supreme skill and arduous tactful devotion of the nursing staff so ungrudgingly bestowed to bring this beautiful haven to such perfection.

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