

cloisters leading to the main wards, with ward kitchen which is supplied with hot plate, gas stove, and a steamer for sterilising crockery and cutlery after being washed. (No patient ever has any food placed before him on any utensil which has not been sterilised), the surgery, where there is a steamer for sterilising, housemaids' pantry, nurses' cloakroom, room for teachers' stock, and extra mattress, blanket, and linen rooms specially heated.

From this passage a charming square hall is reached, with windows and window seats on each side by which access to the wards is gained. The centre of the ward unit is the Sister's office, which has walls of glass, and from this she can see all the patients in each ward and on the terrace outside. She controls the lighting and is in direct communication with the Hospital exchange. The walls of these wards to a height of 4 ft. are covered with terrazzo, while the centre of the floor is composed of teak blocks. Although the main heating is by the panel system beneath a terrazzo surround, open fireplaces are provided in each ward for the sake of comfort and because the psychological effect of a fire on dreary days is great. Here on the beautiful wide terrace of some 25 ft. leading from the wards it was a wonderful sight to see some 50 patients, each

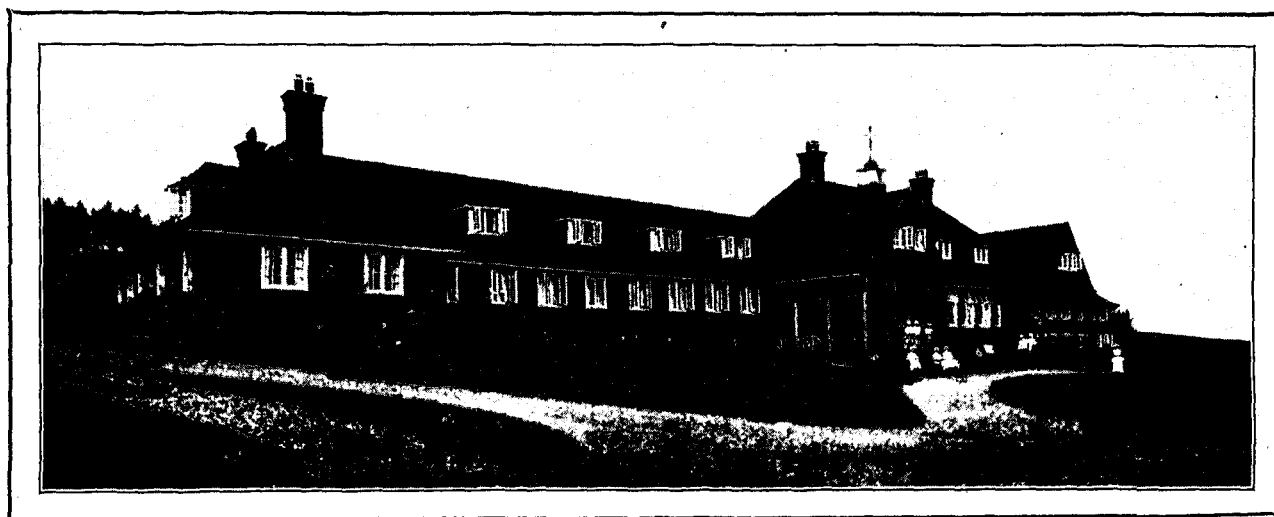
tedium is expelled, as it was charming to see two little boys engrossed in a game of draughts while undergoing treatment.

The Observation Ward was next visited, where patients are admitted and where they remain for two weeks before being transferred to the General Wards. Here the cubicles have glass partitions, and the ventilation is regulated to acclimatise the patient for open-air treatment purposes.

The laundry, sterilizing room and mending room, conveniently arranged, come next. Adjacent to the mending room are mackintosh, mattress, store and stock rooms.

Much interest was evinced in seeing the method of marking the linen and clothing by pantagraph attached to a Singer's machine, which outlasts the article and so eliminates the disadvantage of the use of marking ink. All articles needing repair or renewal are sorted and sent direct from the laundry to the needle room. All linen being returned to the department to which it belongs repaired or renewed weekly. A great boon to busy Ward Sisters.

The Nurses' Sick Ward, decorated and furnished in oak, was particularly bright and airy, with every device for comfort.



The Nurses' Home, the Treloar Hospital, Alton.

recumbent on his spinal stand, many of whom were happily employed in some kind of handcraft such as raffia and needle work, &c., and there, revelling in the gloriously sunny spring day, they lay, with rosy, sun-tanned cheeks and smiling faces. Attached to each stand is a specially designed metal locker. All these balconies, provided with a sliding-roof of vita glass, are so constructed that they may be raised or lowered in sections at will. All patients, therefore, may be in the open air without danger of being disturbed by rain or snow. The white enamelled iron screens specially designed for the open air were much admired.

In each section there is a small ward for patients who are very ill, and two cubicles for isolation purposes. The sanitary annexe, the bed-pan room, the ambulant children's cloak room, linen-room and room where a steam-heated chamber is installed for heating hot bottles which are changed four-hourly, when they are placed in a steam-heated chamber to be warmed up. This device is not only labour-saving, but prevents waste of hot water, and was much admired by the members of the class.

The Light Department, a very busy section, where many patients were receiving treatment, some recumbent, others in postures relevant to their case and where possible

The Kitchen Block.

Here the Sister Housekeeper, Miss Belsham, is in charge. We were conducted round the store room, nurses' dining room, where tables gay with spring flowers and palms were beautifully laid for high tea, which is arranged on certain evenings to meet the convenience of those off duty, when light refreshments are provided later instead of supper. From the front of this delightful dining room doors lead to the Balcony, and from the serving room through to the General Kitchen, where large baking ovens and hot-plates are arranged in the middle of the room; the very modern sink, deep to the floor, for sterilizing cooking utensils was much admired.

The Cook's Pantry, with hot and cold water installed, china store, bread larder, butter larder, the Dairy with pasteurising machine—all these departments with white tiled walls in immaculate cleanliness and order, evoked warm admiration; leading from the other side of the building is the Servants' Hall, where the same organisation for comfort and cleanliness prevails.

At this point our kind hostess, inviting us to have refreshment, conducted the party to another charming dining room, used by sisters during the day and night sisters and nurses at night, and Miss Robertson, with her character-

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