

## THE NEW SUSSEX HOSPITAL, BRIGHTON.

It was necessary for me to be admitted to Hospital for surgical treatment during July and August, and, being fortunate enough to be admitted to the New Sussex Hospital, I would like to thank the Surgeons, Matron and Staff for their unfailing kindness. The medical skill and nursing were of the highest order.—H. McLOUGHLIN, President, British College of Nurses, Ltd.

The New Sussex Hospital is situated in Windlesham Road, Brighton, stands in its own garden, facing south, and is within a few minutes of the sea. It was founded in 1912, and is one of only four in the United Kingdom staffed entirely by women doctors. The main object of the founders was to offer women the services of women physicians and surgeons, and especially to meet the needs of professional and other women of small means who were unable to pay the expensive fees of a Nursing Home. For this purpose, private single wards were provided. It was believed, and it has proved to be the case, that

3. It was the first Hospital to arrange a ward with the beds sideways to the windows, thus giving more restful lighting.

4. It was the first Hospital in Sussex to have a convalescent ward where patients can spend their last week in the Hospital away from serious illness.

5. The Hospital works with the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, the South London Hospitals and the Gynaecological Unit of the Royal Free Hospital, under a Cancer Research Committee, under the Medical Research Council, and is associated with the Marie Curie Hospital.

The Hospital has always aimed at the fullest service to its out-patients, and the X-ray, Pathological, Massage, and Dental Departments are largely used by them, as well as by the in-patients.

In regard to cancer, patients requiring special radium treatment or deep X-ray Therapy are transferred to the Marie Curie Hospital, London.

### Nursing Staff.

The nurses are accommodated in a beautiful Home, which was opened in February, 1936. Each has a tastefully



The garden view of the New Sussex Hospital at Brighton.

*"The veriest school of peace."*—T. E. Brown.

women consult doctors of their own sex sooner, a vital consideration in many cases, especially in those suffering from the early stages of cancer.

The necessity for expansion has been continuous, and a new wing was added in 1928, thus increasing the number of beds to 50. In 1931 and 1932 the John Howard Ward and the Marie Corbett Convalescent Ward were added, and there is now accommodation for 72 women. Occasionally there are children patients. There are 12 private wards and 4 larger wards of not more than 18 beds each. The skill of the surgeons and physicians of the New Sussex Hospital is widely known.

### Special Features Of The Hospital.

1. The Hospital serves not only Brighton, but draws its patients from all parts of England, and especially from all Sussex.

2. It was the first Hospital in Sussex to provide single rooms for professional and other women.

furnished bedroom with hot and cold water supply and a radiator. Most of the rooms overlook the sea, and are shut off from noise in the daytime. A large room on the ground floor of the Home is used for recreation by the nurses.

The Hospital is an affiliated Training School, recognised by the General Nursing Council. Nurses are accepted for training from the age of 17. After two years' training, during which time they take the Preliminary State Examination, they proceed to the Metropolitan Hospital, London, for a further period of two years, at the end of which time they may enter for the State Final Examination.

A Preliminary Training School is established, with resident qualified Sister Tutor.

A 48-hour week has been established for student nurses and a 96-hour fortnight for trained staff.

A Teaching Unit is now being built, comprising Lecture-Study-Demonstration Rooms, with modern teaching equipment.

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