

## Frenchay Park Hospital, Bristol.

ON a warm, rather sultry, July day an uneventful journey from London found us, by early afternoon, driving through the pleasant countryside of Bristol to our appointed destination—the Frenchay Park Hospital.

Immediately on arrival the Matron, Miss C. M. Butland, R.R.C., S.R.N., accorded us a warm, reassuring welcome as we entered her office on the quest of learning something of the pioneer work going forward in this humanitarian hive of activity.

After being further welcomed by the First Assistant Matron, Miss J. G. Roberts, S.R.N., S.C.M., T.A., R.M.P.A., and on the kind invitation of the Matron, we all started forthwith on a most interesting tour of the various departments.

Under the new Health Act, the Hospital is being reorganised, and it is the dream of Miss Butland, that when this work is completed, a first-rate Comprehensive Training School for nurses will be realised.

There is also a hotplate in the dining room, where nurses may find a hot supper on returning from late leave.

Nothing is overlooked that might add to the happiness or wellbeing of both nurses and domestic staff.

The Nurses' Home is under the care of a Warden; and a Domestic Supervisor is responsible for the care of the domestic staff, and of their Home. We passed from the dormitories to the trained staff and students' sitting room, the nurses' common room and dining rooms, all very tastefully furnished; and in the latter, the pretty table linen in keeping with the colour scheme of the room, all so inviting, reveals happy conditions that many in these days might envy.

Most arresting are the fine pictures, representative of famous Art Bequests, which adorn these quarters of the day Home rooms. The Matron explained the unique circumstances under which these treasures are on loan from the Bristol Art Gallery, and frequently changed as the Curator of the gallery thinks fit—a priceless privilege which is not only educative, but a great joy to the staff.



The Avenue of 80 magnificent limes, a gracious approach to this City of Healing.

After walking a considerable distance, the Nurses' Home was reached; here it is realised that almost the whole of the Hospital (which includes 103 Wards) is built on the bungalow plan, in which the modern design of wide, low windows everywhere installed, adds the inestimable charm of bright airiness.

Before entering the Home, we paused to admire the fine herbaceous borders where plants and shrubs, a riot of colour, thrive so well in the good red earth, which is peculiar to the Frenchay grounds.

### The Nurses' Home.

As we were conducted over the Home, it was evident that every possible comfort has been arranged for the staff, where each may enjoy "a room of one's own", with hot and cold water, two cupboards and a wardrobe, and last, but not least, the luxurious comfort of the Venio interior sprung mattress.

Shampoo and Ironing Rooms, with airing cupboards, are available; a kitchenette is installed in each block for the making of tea or coffee, or hot drinks, when off duty.

### Post Registration Courses.

We learned, by the way, that the Hospital comprises some 620 beds, and that under the Cosham and Frenchay Hospital Management Committee, an outstanding feature of the Hospital is the establishment of specialised units for the whole of the South-West Region in Neuro-surgical and Thoracic surgery; and Frenchay Park Hospital, as the only general hospital in the region to have these specialised regional units, receives cases from over a wide area, as the South-West Region extends from Cheltenham to Cornwall and the Scilly Isles—some 385 miles—and becomes a very leading Comprehensive Training School for Nurses.

The hospital offers to State Registered Nurses a six-months' Post Registration Course in Neuro-surgical and Thoracic surgery. Post Graduate Courses are also available in Plastic surgery and in Venereal Diseases.

We feel sure that it will greatly interest many of our readers to know that for candidates wishing to take these

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