

Courses, vacancies occur in July, October, January and April.

Lectures are given by the Medical Staff.

The six-months' course will include Ward and Theatre work; salary paid will be at a rate comparable to that which is being received. Uniform and laundry is provided, as for the permanent staff, and on the completion of a satisfactory six months, a certificate will be given.

The Units are under the direction of Specialists appointed to each Unit, and it was learned that consequent upon the urgent demand for treatment, the three Operating Theatres are in use sometimes night and day.

#### Round the Wards.

As we were conducted round the wards of the Neuro-surgical and Thoracic surgery Units, it was difficult to grasp the magnitude of the responsibility which falls to the lot of the Sister and her staff in the nursing skill demanded.

In the rapid advance of modern science, the four-hourly treatment of Bronchiectasis being given prior to operation—the meningocele patient from one of our dominions—cases by

give weekly concerts; the laundry where the impress system is employed; and the kitchen where the Supervisor was proud to show the magnificent new electric food trolleys used to convey hot meals over many acres of the grounds.

It soon became evident, on this enthralling tour, that the pioneer spirit of the Matron was reflected in every department over which she reigns.

#### The Sisters' House.

At the end of the extensive grounds, we approached the Sisters' House, the old Manor House, still standing in its original setting of terrace, and lawn and cedars.

To pass through the welcoming portals of this delightful dwelling is to step into the unmistakable atmosphere of the spacious charm of its architectural period.

The building provides accommodation for forty sisters, also a flat for the Second Assistant Matron, and Senior Sister Tutor's quarters, a lecture room for student nurses and Practical Class Room.

The Committee Room, most effectively furnished in



The Sisters' House—the original manor of Frenchay Park.

the way in which it is realised how amazing and truly miraculous is the curative skill in cases of brain and spine injury.

#### Occupational Therapy.

In the Occupational Therapy Wards, of great interest are the weaving looms of many sizes, from which the production of various designs denotes surprising effort and aptitude.

#### Wards for the Chronic Sick.

In her scheme for a Comprehensive Nurse Training School, the Matron strongly advocates the introduction of wards for the chronic sick, male and female; the present accommodation of two wards is to be increased to four, as she considers the experience thus gained a most valuable asset, and the foundation of all nursing in the skill and patience it demands.

Space does not permit of all one would like to relate of all there is to see—the shop in the grounds where patients and staff may buy an amazing variety of useful things; the recreation room, with its wonderful curtain, where Toc H

scarlet leather upholstery against the oak panelled walls, is charming; and of much interest is the plan of the new Nurses' Home of thirteen floors to house some 350 staff, which has been passed by the Committee for erection, in the midst of what is now a cornfield in the grounds.

So we pass from this haven of beauty, and cross to the farm, which provides eggs, milk and fresh vegetables for the hospital, and here we may add that all patients and staff have poultry once a week.

We were not surprised to learn that recruitment is excellent and there is a waiting list of applicants for all grades.

We came away refreshed and grateful for the privilege of this inspiring visit, and we feel that for one blessed with Miss Butland's happy, forceful personality, the almost insuperable difficulties, inevitable in the orbit of her office, hold no terrors in the high endeavour that Frenchay Park Hospital shall in the near future become a comprehensive training school for nurses—second to none!

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