

pensive in construction, but admirably arranged for nursing purposes.

The system and general organization is one which was originated and gradually worked out by its former superintendent, Dr. Geo. Robertson, now superintendent of Morningside. It is worthy of careful study. The matron is the chief executive officer under the medical staff. To her is entrusted not only the supervision of the house-keeping and domestic departments, as is the case in Ontario, but she also exercises a general control over all nurses and attendants, and the care and treatment of the patients on both the male and female wards. The present matron is a very superior woman, and is universally acknowledged to have exceptional fitness for the position. She is a graduate of the Training School of the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow, and also holds the certificate of the Medico-psychological Association of Great Britain for mental nursing. Having obtained this dual qualification, she was given an opportunity to demonstrate her ability as a ward matron, and was then promoted to her present position. She divides the work under her direction into nine departments, namely:

1. Nurses' Home.
2. Kitchen and congregate dining room.
3. Laundry.
4. Supervision of night staff.
- 5-9. Supervision of wards during day.

Each of these departments is in charge of an assistant matron, of whom those in charge of the night staff and day wards are required to have certificates of both general and mental hospital training schools. Those in charge of the kitchen, nurses' home and laundry are graduates of schools of domestic science. In Ontario those in charge of the domestic departments have had no nursing training, while in Larbert, no matter where a