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NURSES' QUARTERS.

At a recent meeting of the committee of management the question of better accommodation for the nursing staff was brought up. In the discussion which followed, attention was drawn to the fact that a friend of the hospital was willing to purchase and present to us the property at present occupied as the Nurses' Home and Maternity Annex. This house, No. 46, and the two above it on McGill College Avenue, being similar in construction, style, etc., belong to parties who do not wish to sell them singly, or separately; consequently we are deprived of the benefit of the generosity of our friend in regard to No. 46, the house adjoining the hospital.

The proposition made at the meeting was, that if a purchaser could be found for the other two houses, then No. 46 would be secured, and the rental now paid on it could be diverted to the adjoining house, which would thus be

available entirely for nurses' quarters, thereby giving us the required accommodation.

Since the opening of the Maternity Annex, and during the past eighteen months, the work of the hospital has greatly increased, necessitating more nursing help. At present, ten nurses sleep in one room, and the night nurses have to seek rest in the daytime in the isolation ward, which fortunately is not required for the purposes for which it was built. This overcrowding does not permit of proper ventilation of the dormitory, and is not conducive to the health of our nurses. Then, after nurses have been on duty all day in an hospital full of sick people, they should be entitled to room for rest, recreation and study, other than their sleeping apartment affords.

The condition of the domestic help, in connection with the hospital, also calls for consideration. This, too, has been increased, especially since we have been doing our own laundry work, and at present has to be content with sleeping and living quarters in the basement of the old building, which, being of no modern date, is hardly up to the requirements of present day sanitation. We have found this condition one of the greatest drawbacks to our getting and retaining efficient or satisfactory domestic help.

We wish to point out to our friends the desirability of helping us to remedy this condition as soon as possible. This