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The Gisborne Hospital, a fine new building of 100-bed capacity, stands on an elevated site on the hills to the West of the city, and looks down on the beautiful bay below. The site being in a sort of semi-circle round a shallow gulley, has necessitated the various buildings being somewhat scattered, but as each block is complete in itself, this is not detrimental, and the advantage of space and light is thereby well secured. It seems that the only people to suffer from the widespread area on which this Hospital stands are those who have the responsibility of supervision and organisation. The main building is of course the Hospital with its four pavilion-wards off a long central corridor. The wards are for 24 beds each beautifully lighted, and with large wide verandah and sun rooms in which numbers of patients will be treated. These wards have all the necessary sanitary annexes, pantries, sterilising rooms, linen rooms, broom cupboards. Everything is very convenient and there should be no excuse for an untidy ward, impossible sometimes to avoid when these provisions are not made.

The Sister of each ward has a nice sitting-room in which morning tea can be served, and where she can be within calling by her nurses when needed even if not actually on duty.

The Theatre, though not large, is all that is required, and has a sterilising room, instrument room, doctors' dressing-room, anaesthetic room,

There is off one ward a side room for nurses, and there are several single wards, or small wards for two and three patients, off the main corridors.

There is a children's ward for 12; it is not proposed to occupy this and one of the large wards until there is a demand for more accommodation.

The main corridor and the bath rooms sanitary annexes, ward kitchens and main kitchen are all floored with decolite.

The Lady Superintendent has her quarters, a pleasant sitting room, bedroom, and bathroom in the main hospital. An office is opposite these rooms. There are also quarters for a junior resident when needed; while the Medical Superintendent has a small house in the grounds.

The Nurses' Home is a separate building, very comfortable, and each nurse has her own room. There are sitting rooms for nurses and sisters, a study and writing rooms, and a large dining room. From upstairs there is a beautiful view of the bay. There are plenty of bath rooms: the nurses should be very comfortable, and it is intended to give them a tennis court.

There is an isolation or infectious diseases hospital for about 24 patients, with a separate Nurses' Home for 6 nurses.

Some of these buildings do not of course appear in our illustration. The Hospital has now been in use about three months, having been opened by Lord Liverpool in December.