

X-ray Department and a new Pathological Research Department, as well as single wards for private and seriously ill patients. Two modern theatres were built each complete and with instrument sterilising room, anaesthetic room and accommodation for Surgeons and Nurses.

Something that must be a great joy to the junior members of the staff is the "Sluicing and Stock Rooms." Whilst being well within the unit, they are situated off the main corridor, so that nurses can move freely and naturally, and not have to maintain an unearthly quiet when washing out soiled linen prior to its being despatched to the laundry.

In 1937 a modern Nurses' Home was opened by H.R.H. The Princess Royal. Each room is equipped with built-in furniture and a bed-head light—there is hot and cold water in each room. The sitting rooms are spacious and well furnished, and there is a Visitors' Room and a good lecture room.

Many famous surgeons have been connected with St. Mark's Hospital, names which stand out in an already brilliant assembly—William Allingham, F. Swinford Edwards, Sir Frederick Wallis, J. P. Lockhart-Mummery and Sir Charles Gordon-Watson. Their great work is being carried on by the present surgeons, ever mindful of the traditions of the past.

Although the work is exacting, the nursing is intensely interesting and rewarding. The cancer cases are grouped in A, B and C groups after operation, so that a successful "follow up" of each patient may be made.

After operation many cases of radical excision of the rectum are treated by intravenous administration of fluids. The fluid intake and output is carefully recorded and with the decreasing intravenous administration, oral feeding is introduced. The patients are given blood transfusion before operation and this is continued after their return to the ward and changed to Dextrose in physiological saline. During the first post-operative day the patient often receives 3,500-4,000 c.cs. and subsequently 3,000 c.cs. daily if necessary.

Many other types of cases come to St. Mark's, including a number of non-malignant tumours such as adenoma, papilloma, lipoma, fibroma, myoma and lymphoma, as well as cases of fistula, fissures, haemorrhoids, ulcerative colitis and polyposis.

State Registered Nurses are accepted at St. Mark's for post-graduate courses in the nursing of these special cases. Lectures are given by the surgeons, and to those State Registered Nurses who complete the prescribed course the Certificate of St. Mark's Hospital is granted.



Staff Nurse Monk amongst the patients in a corner of the Holgate-Foster Ward, one of the oldest wards in the hospital.



Junior Theatre Sister Evans in the modern and beautifully equipped Operating Theatre.

This year 15 single-bedded rooms have been opened and these wards have been built and equipped in the most modern manner.

St. Mark's Hospital has always given Post Graduate Teaching, where courses on Proctology have been given at three-monthly intervals to surgeons from all parts of the world; and since July 5th, 1948, it has become part of the Post Graduate Medical School of the University of London under the National Health Service Act.

In addition to this, there are many surgeons who visit in between the courses to see the work and nursing procedure carried out. Recently this post-graduate teaching has been extended to Ward Sisters from other hospitals who are nursing similar cases in their own hospitals, and who also require first-hand knowledge of the treatment given.

The conditions of service of the Trained Nursing Staff are in line with modern ideas—a 96-hour fortnight, a week-end every fortnight and a day off during the alternate week. International post-graduate Nursing Students and Overseas State Registered Nurses have already been welcomed at St. Mark's for varying periods for study and nursing experience.

The special opportunities afforded by St. Mark's Hospital for the nursing of rectal and colonic cases are very valuable indeed, and applications for the courses will be gladly received by the Matron, St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C.1., to whom we are indebted for her great courtesy and kindness in guiding us through her happy domain.

### To Lecture on Cancerology.

**P**ROFESSOR ALEXANDER HADDOW, Professor of Experimental Pathology in the University of London and director of the Chester Beatty Research Institute at the Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, left London on March 25th, for a lecture tour in Italy under the auspices of the British Council.

He will speak in Milan, Bologna, Florence, Rome and Turin on "Recent advances in the chemotherapy of cancer" and "Mode of action of the nitrogen mustards—a new working hypothesis and its possible relation to carcinogenesis."

His lectures are being arranged with the co-operation of Professor Rondoni, the leading cancerologist of Milan, and of Professor Bastanielli, head of the Cancer Institute in Rome.

A graduate of the University of Edinburgh where he was subsequently Lecturer in Bacteriology, Professor Haddow is a life member of the Royal Medical Society of Edinburgh,

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