

The Hospital World.

BRIGHTON FRENCH CONVALESCENT HOME AND RETREAT FOR AGED FRENCH PEOPLE.

It was most interesting to visit this beautiful Home which was founded by Dr. Achille Vintras (whose son, Dr. Louis Vintras, is now Director and Physician), and which is in connection with the French Hospital and Dispensary, Shaftesbury Avenue, London.

It is exclusively reserved for the benefit of French subjects who have been inmates of the Hospital.

The foundation stone was laid on October 5th, 1895, by Baron de Courcel. Three years later, on the eve of his return to France on October 8th, Baron de Courcel inaugurated the Home, and by his express wish the ceremony was of a quiet and private character.

In May, 1899, Monsieur Paul Cambon, the present Ambassador visited the Home, and at a Banquet of the French Hospital said, "I have recently visited and admired this elegant Home, which may be considered as a model for such institutions, and which affords its inmates all the advantages of comfort and hygiene and all the refinements of the most modern progress."

The building has three storeys. The ground floor comprises two large dayrooms (one for men and the other for women), the dining-room, a spacious kitchen—where all is the picture of cleanliness, neatness, and convenience, gas stoves are used and there are communicating lift doors for passing the food to and from the dining-room, which must save a considerable amount of trouble and time—and the necessary offices, which are most satisfactory.

The Home, which contains in all thirty-three beds for the inmates, sixteen for convalescents, and sixteen for the old people, and one in the infirmary, is situated on the sea front, and possesses a large garden with a fine lawn.

Though it has only been opened for seven years, twenty-five old people have been admitted as permanent residents and 946 convalescents of both sexes have passed in it

17,283 days, leaving entirely restored to health and ready to resume the struggle of life.

PAVILION PAUL CAMBON FOR THE PREVENTIVE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The "Pavilion," which is in the form of a handsome square tower to the east of the main building, consists of three storeys. On the first and second floors are two ward-rooms. The glass of the upper part of the windows is perforated throughout, allowing the outside air to enter freely, while a fixed glass screen prevents any draught on the patients when in bed. On the ground floor is a separate dining-room. This wing is isolated from the main building by passages on each floor, with doors on either side and windows at each end, the latter allowing of thorough ventilating, and on the top floor there is a smoking-room for the men when it is too wet for them to go out.

On the west of the main building a new handsome annex has been erected, the whole cost being defrayed by Monsieur Rüffer, the President of the French Hospital, in memory of his mother and father. When finished it will be a beautiful addition to this noble edifice.

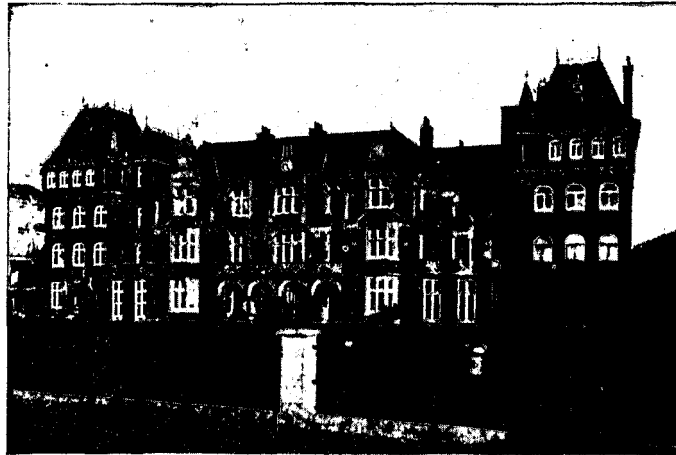
The pretty little chapel is within easy access of

all who wish to worship there, the attendances at service are voluntary, and no doubt many avail themselves of the privilege.

In the Salle Eugène Cocquerel (named after one of the Trustees) an old lady was working some beautiful embroidery in a frame; she seemed very happy in her comfortable quarters and was enjoying the lovely sea view when not engaged in her engrossing work.

All the sleeping rooms are fitted with corner-attached basins, with hot, cold, and waste taps, which save work and are most convenient, the polished teak floors are very satisfactory, the beds look delightfully cosy and comfortable.

In the new wing on the fourth floor small rooms will be furnished for elderly couples who wish to go there. The second and third floors are arranged in cubicles, so that the old people can be more homelike, while on the ground floor a large billiard room is being furnished. In the main building there are also smoke and



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