

A Visit to the British Home for Incurables.

TURNING OFF STREATHAM HIGH ROAD, it is a pleasant way up the hill which skirts the Common to the summit, where one finds a happy surprise in the full view of the beautiful British Home for Incurables.

Of architectural charm, and standing high on the sunny Norwood hills, overlooking the green slopes of Streatham Common this Home, so unique for its purpose, is delightful to behold.

Passing through the gateway and along the short carriage-way, the portal is reached, where no time is lost in the prompt attention to enquirers, and once across the threshold, an atmosphere of courtesy and kindness is felt, which pervades the Home throughout.

through no fault of their own, are deprived of the means to obtain suitable conditions and surroundings, and who are quite unable to help themselves, here find comfort and happiness for the rest of their lives. The amazing progress in the work achieved for the well-being of the patients is a tribute to the wise administrative authority, which has exemption from the National Health Act.

From the entrance hall, leading to the right, there is the very fine Concert Hall, where men and women patients meet socially for concerts, plays and games and where a Bell-Howell-Gaumont Film Projector, Screen and equipment is installed, presented by a generous donor.

Passing through the broad, well-lighted hall, to the extreme left, the beautiful Chapel may be entered—most impressive the lofty pillars, the stained glass windows and rich furnishings, and where patients and staff find comfort in their



Fine Drive Leading to the Home.

A charming welcome extended by the Matron, Miss E. L. Price, S.R.N., preceded a tour of the Home. In the first place it is related with pride that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother is the Patroness, this honour Her Majesty has given since 1927 when she was the Duchess of York.

Throughout its history, the British Home for Incurables owes much to the patronage of our Royal Family. In very early days, when the Home was located in a small manor house at Clapham, Her late Majesty Queen Alexandra, then Princess of Wales, became Patroness of the Home in 1863, and in 1894 Her late Majesty performed the opening ceremony of the new Home at Streatham.

Our hostess explained that this Home, in its lovely surroundings, accommodates one hundred men and women of middle class suffering from incurable diseases and who,

spiritual need.

Then the Matron's Office, well equipped for its purpose, and the Mabel Braby Room; then just across the corridor leading down balcony steps across a lawn is the Maids' Home, the interior being decorated in pretty blue paint, and the bedrooms all installed with hot and cold water and other modern requisites.

Returning to the hall and ascending the wide oak staircase to the first landing, wards and sitting-rooms are visited. The wards are extremely bright, spacious and airy, arranged to hold three, four or five beds, each with its own curtains, bedside table, electric light and wireless headphones. The majority of the patients were happily engaged in their different ways; some enjoying seeing their visitors, others sitting up knitting or sewing, indeed, whatever their disability per-

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