

The Hospital World.

THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL, FALMOUTH.
Owing to the liberality of Mr. Passmore Edwards, Falmouth possesses a fully equipped and quite up-to-date little hospital. This Institution, picturesquely designed and covered with beautiful creepers, makes quite a landmark for visitors, standing as it does at the corner of cross roads on the top of a hill above the harbour, from which it is about a mile distant.

The Hospital, with which is incorporated the old Falmouth Public Dispensary, was not only built, but also completely furnished by Mr. Passmore Edwards, and was opened for patients in 1894. It consists of a Central Administration block and two wings, containing the wards, out-patients' department, and other necessary buildings.

Each ward contains five beds, which are in great demand for acute surgical cases. Both wards and theatre are particularly well equipped, the collection of instruments, which, with the cabinet containing them, was a

gift from a local lady, being superior to that in many institutions treble the size.

Even in such details as feeding cups the little Hospital is quite up to date, the Ideal glass cups being the pattern of feeder seen in the wards.

Miss Lamble, the Matron for the past three years, is a lady of wide experience in her profession, and the whole of the internal arrangements of the Hospital speak of her energy and care. Trained at the North Staffordshire Infirmary, she was subsequently Sister of a large medical ward at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, and Matron of the Leek Cottage Hospital before coming to Falmouth.

The staff consists of one trained and (3 years)

certificated nurse and one probationer, the latter being appointed as a rule for two years. Miss Lamble takes girls as probationers from 19 years of age, and helps them subsequently to get into a good training school. Her probationers have invariably done well, and she considers that very valuable experience and knowledge can be acquired in the Falmouth Hospital. Lectures are given by the medical staff, and the probationers are very carefully taught and grounded in the theoretical part of their work.

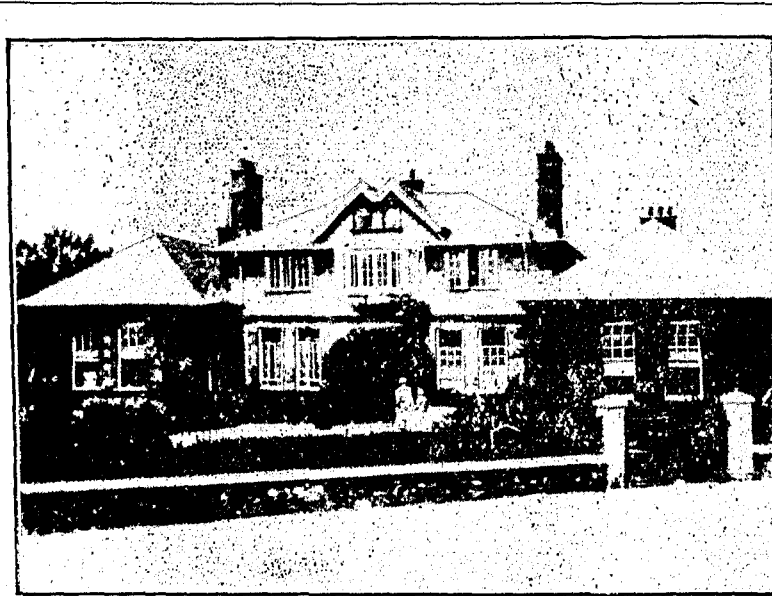
When the wards are full additional nursing help is procured by the Matron. The medical men and Governors of the Hospital made a bold stand against patients who can afford to pay for medical advice seeking gratuitous treatment at the expense of the hospital resources.

Private wards are provided in which patients are taken at a fee of two guineas a week, and during the past year the following has been added to the rules of admittance: "Any patient in a position to do so shall pay in advance a weekly charge from 2s. 6d. to

25s. according to circumstances . . . in addition such patients will be expected to pay their medical attendant."

"Pound Day" as an institution has found its way into this corner of England, and proves of great assistance to the Hospital, which, not being largely endowed, is almost entirely dependent on voluntary contributions for its support. H.T.

The Bishop of Liverpool presided last week at a meeting in Liverpool held under the auspices of the Nurses' Missionary League, when the objects of the League were explained by Miss Fairfield, Chairman of the Executive Committee. It is hoped shortly to establish a branch in Liverpool.



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