

There are 31 beds in all, on two floors, one large ward on each floor containing eight beds, with a small ward leading out of it with two beds, and on one floor six, and on the other five, private rooms, each provided with an electric bell. The clocks throughout the building are electric, and there is also an electric lift. The patients can easily be wheeled on to the flat roofs adjoining the wards. On an upper floor is the up-to-date operating theatre, with north and south lights. On the north side are double windows, with hot water pipes between, and on the south the glass of the window is coloured blue to avoid a possible glare. The nurses' and maids' bedrooms are also at the top of the building.

The arrangement of the bathrooms is worthy of note. The porcelain baths are set out from the wall, and the material of which the floor is composed is raised into a pedestal in which the bath is set, so that it is easy to keep the room perfectly clean. All the radiators and pipes throughout the building are painted with aluminium paint.

The staff consists of the Lady Superintendent, ten nurses, eight maids, and one man.

When one descends to the kitchens, one finds them spick and span, and white tiled throughout. There is an open archway between the kitchen and its annexes, so that the cook can keep the work of her subordinates under observation. It is so arranged that the whole can be flushed out into the garden.

Over all the stoves is a sloping glass canopy, and the ventilation is so arranged that all steam and odours are conducted outside the building under these, so that no odours find their way into the wards.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss Houghton, received her training at St. George's Hospital, London, and afterwards held the position of Sister there, since which time she has been Matron of the Sevenoaks Hospital, Marlborough.

The hospital is designed to meet a real need in providing private hospital treatment for necessitous gentlewomen at fees much below those usually charged in a private nursing home, and medical practitioners attached to London hospitals give their gratuitous services.

We hope it has a useful and prosperous career before it in its new home.

The Ladies' Guild of the London Homœopathic Hospital, which has just held its Annual Meeting, does much useful work, including the collection of subscriptions, the support of beds, and the provision of clothes for destitute patients. The members also visit in the wards, and take up any other work decided upon.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Sir Savile Crossley, who, as Hon. Secretary, presented the Draft Report of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London to the annual meeting, said that the amount distributed in 1909 was £150,000, being an increase of £10,000 over the sum distributed in 1908. For the first time, therefore, the sum mentioned by his present Majesty at the inauguration of the Fund has been attained. The Council desired to express their gratitude to all those whose contributions had made it possible to achieve this result.

Workmen are already preparing the site for the Barnato-Joel Memorial Institute, to be built on a site adjoining the Middlesex Hospital, as a memorial to the late Mr. Harry Barnato and his nephew, Mr. Woolf Joel. The cancer wards of the institute will contain at least 40 beds, which will bring up the number available for cancer patients to 87. Funds are available for the upkeep of the new beds, but the responsibility of the Committee of the Hospital for the upkeep of the present cancer wards remains the same.

At the Annual Court of Governors of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, the Chairman, Col. Charles Needham, who moved the adoption of the report, and emphasised the unsatisfactory financial position, the fall in annual subscriptions being particularly regrettable, mentioned that the King's Hospital Fund insisted upon the appointment of an inquiry officer for the inspection of suspicious cases. Though the Governors did not think the appointment necessary, they had complied with the wishes of the fund, and had appointed the Assistant Matron to the post. The cost of the appointment would be £120 a year.

Mr. Harvey du Cros, in accepting the invitation to become the President of the Buchanan Hospital, St. Leonard's, for the ensuing year, said that he had just passed through a grave illness which he was hardly expected to survive. By God's blessing he did survive, and he knew what he owed to the medical men who attended him, and to those noble women who devoted their lives to nursing. It was good to feel that as hospital subscribers they were instrumental in admitting the poor to those privileges.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, held last week at the Guildhall, Newport, the 62nd Annual Report presented by the Rev. W. H. E. Welby, Chairman of Committee, stated that thanks to a munificent gift of £500 from an anonymous donor, and the desire of the Dr. Groves Memorial Committee to place their tribute to the doctor's memory within the walls of the Hospital, the Committee had been able to enter upon a scheme of perfecting the arrangements of the hospital by the provision of a new operating theatre, with anaesthetising, sterilising, and other rooms, the necessary funds for completing the work having been voted from invested capital.

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