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THE ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL, GUILDFORD.

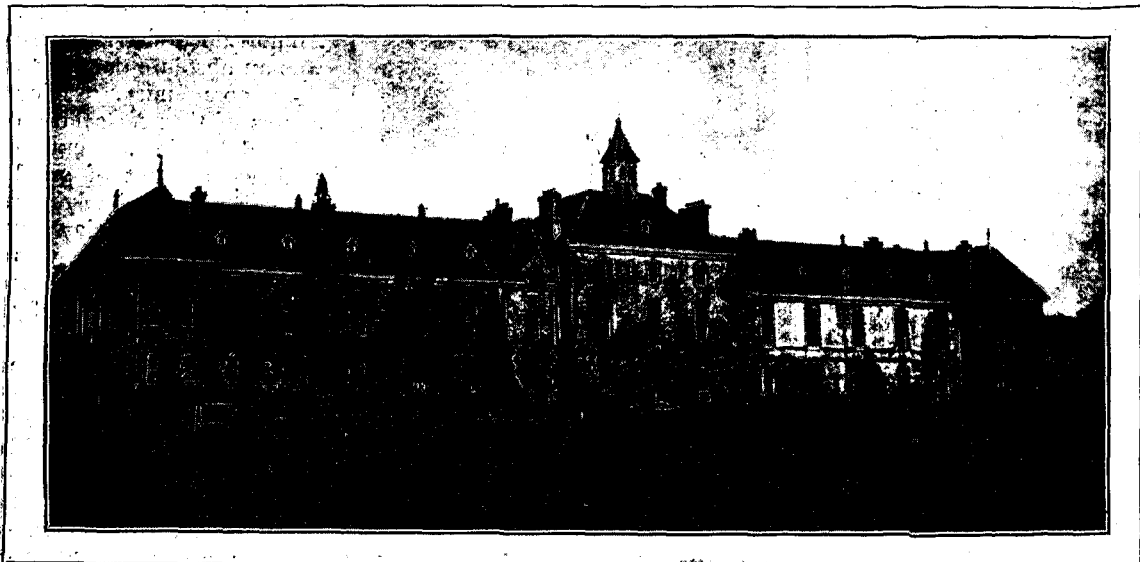
The Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, standing back from the road on the way to the famous Hog's Back, in a spacious and well-kept garden, is a typical provincial hospital of a hundred beds. Founded in memory of the last Prince Consort, it has done excellent work, and its well-kept wards afford skilled treatment and nursing care, much appreciated by the sick poor of the surrounding neighbourhood.

The Matron, Miss J. M. Jackson, was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, and at least one of the Sisters owes her professional education to the same institution. It is

which therefore can be planned on more spacious lines.

Candidates for selection as probationers are required to be between the ages of 21 and 30, and are taken on trial for three months, at the end of which time they sign an agreement binding them to three years' service. They have experience during their term of training in the Out-patient Department as well as the wards, and those who do best have the opportunity of receiving training in massage, which is a valuable additional qualification for any nurse, and of gaining the certificate of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseuses.

The hospital has its own laundry, recently enlarged, and an electric lift has also been installed, the cost being defrayed from special



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evident that they are proud of the wards, of handsome proportions, with windows on either side, admitting the maximum of fresh air and sunshine, and having at the end spacious balconies, in which a number of patients can lie out in the open. The hospital is built in the shape of a letter L, the shorter arm of which has been added comparatively recently.

There is an up-to-date operating theatre at the top of the building, and the kitchen is supervised by a lady cook.

The Nurses' Home is a building apart from the hospital, well and comfortably appointed, and each nurse has a bedroom to herself. Nurses in provincial county hospitals have the advantage over their London colleagues inasmuch as economy of space is not so important a consideration in planning their quarters,

contributions to a fund raised in response to an appeal from the Chairman, Mr. J. Eyre.

On the nomination of the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Sir Cooper Perry, M.D. as Commissioner, with Mr. Basil Watson as legal assessor, held an enquiry on April 18th and 19th in the board room of the York County Hospital into the charges of mismanagement at the hospital, made by Drs. Macqueen and Shepherd, ex-resident medical officers. The charges comprised violence, mischarting, inadequate staffing, absence of control, neglect of patients, faulty food and accommodation, and other charges, the most serious being that a patient was removed to the mortuary while still alive.

We shall refer to the matter again when the finding of the Commissioner is made known.

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