

form which supports the magnificent organ, whose organist from time to time delights the patients with its music, are the necessary pantries, while temporary bathrooms and lavatories have been arranged in the alcoves at the sides of the hall, great pains having been taken to avoid injuring the fabric of the building. The baths are enclosed in screens of urolite, a material composed of asbestos and wood fibre, set in light wooden frames which can be easily taken down when the University resumes its academic functions.

The operating theatre, which is off the main corridor, is excellently lighted and well equipped; there is a good supply of hot and cold water, worked by foot taps, an anæsthetic room, and a sterilising room with high-pressure steriliser. There is also a smaller theatre used for minor operations, which is fitted with a dental chair, as it has been found that the teeth of so many of the men require attention.

There is also an excellent X-ray department, in charge of a skilled radiographer. Here one saw the photographs of a case in the wards in charge of Lieut.-Colonel Barling, F.R.C.S., Vice-Chancellor of the University, who came in with no less than 19 shrapnel bullets embedded in his unfortunate person, including his head. All except one have now been removed, and the patient is progressing to recovery.

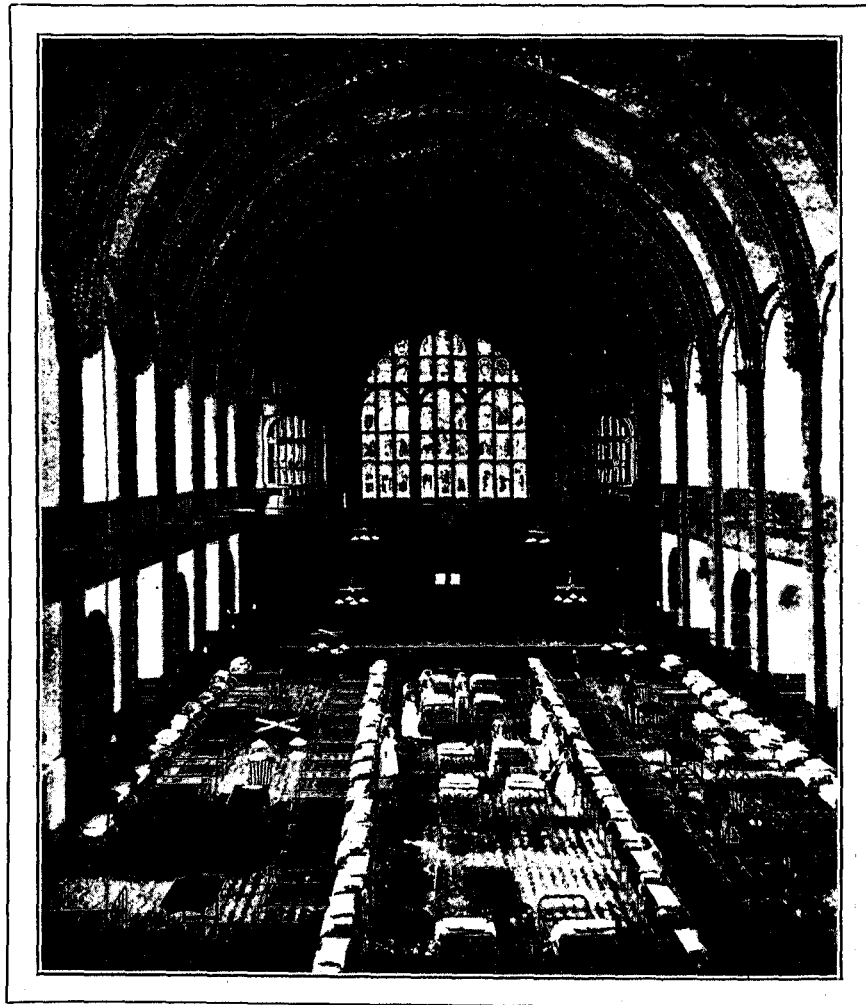
Another patient who could not possibly have recovered without the most skilled nursing had most of the internal organs injured and the bladder torn; it now promises to be a useful organ.

The wards are in three tiers, A B and C. Some of the A wards have been set aside for enteric cases, but so far they have not been needed. These wards are provided with an outside shed for inspecting and disinfecting purposes.

The hospital at present contains some 800 beds, and considerable extension is contemplated in the future. The Commanding Officer and Administrator is Lieut.-Colonel Marsh, and the Registrar, Major Sawyer.

The Nursing Staff mobilised under Miss E. M. Musson, Principal Matron, on August 12th, Miss Lloyd, Assistant Matron at the General Hospital, Birmingham, going into residence as Matron. Unfortunately, she contracted scarlet fever from contact with patients sent in from Bedford, who developed the disease, and was thus incapacitated for eight weeks, during which time the duties of her office were ably performed by Miss Kerlake, the alternative Matron. Several nurses and some 30 orderlies also contracted the disease.

During the last six months the hospital has



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dealt with 5,500 patients. They are brought from the coast in hospital trains, from 100 to 200 at a time. They may arrive at any hour of the day or night, a telegram being first despatched to the Commanding Officer advising him of the time of arrival. They are met at the station by ambulances and motors and quickly conveyed to the warm and comfortable wards, where the luxuries begged for are first a shave, and then, if the man's injuries admit of it, a bath. During January 1,617 patients have been admitted, 1,615

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