

THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.

[DEDICATION OF THE MILITARY SECTION.

Saturday, November 27th, was a Red Letter Day at the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., for the Bishop of the Diocese came to dedicate its new Military Section and Chapel, and it would be difficult to find a more restful and beautiful hospital Chapel, with mortuary chapel adjoining, than the one dedicated by the Bishop on Saturday last.

The entrance to both chapels is by a vestibule where a Guard of Honour of Territorial Nurses was drawn up. On the right is the mortuary chapel, directly facing one the chapel proper. By the kindness of the Matron, Miss Cox-Davies, we are able to present an illustration of the latter, but this can convey no idea of the harmony of the colouring, the richness of the embroideries of frontal, and dossal, with wings tender blue in tone, and the beautiful east window, blending with the grey walls and red tiled floor.

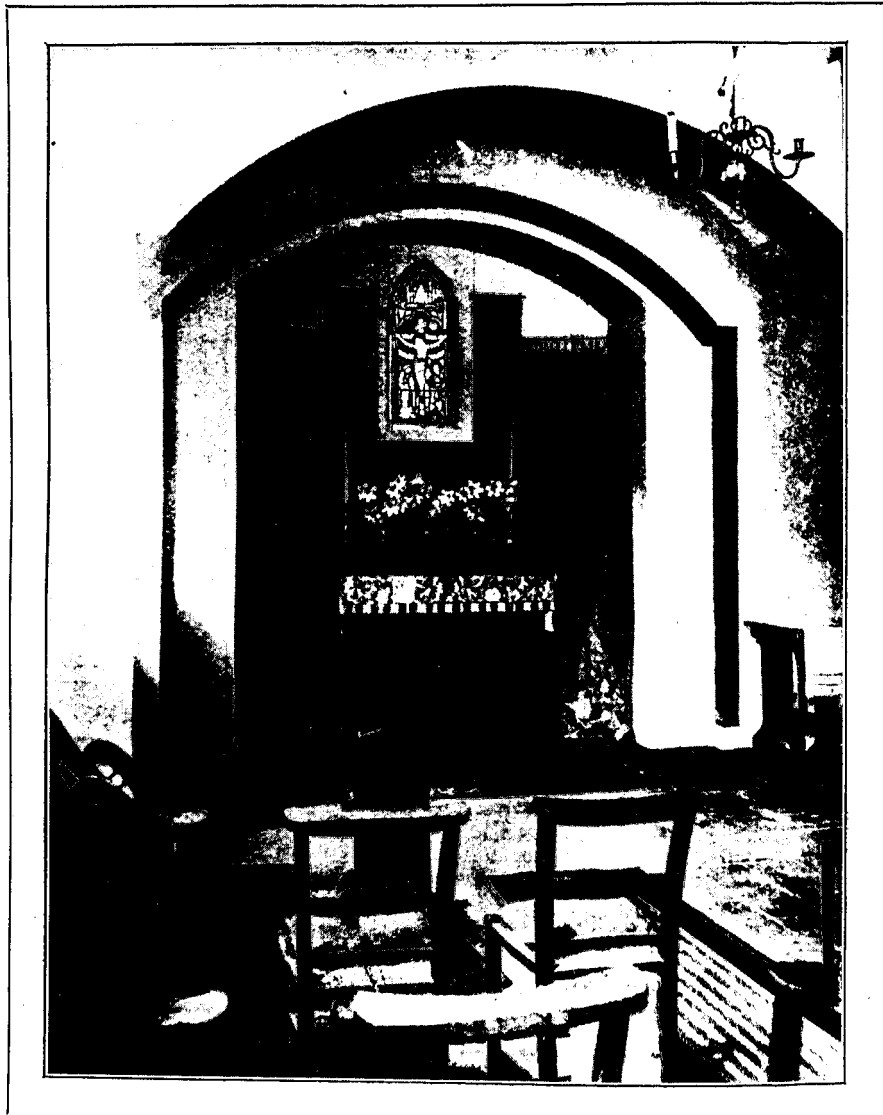
" 'Tis for Thee we
bid the frontal
Its embroidered
wealth unfold,
'Tis for Thee we
deck the reredos
With the colours
and the gold ;

Thine the floral glow and fragrance,
Thine the vesture's fair array,
Thine the starry lights that glitter
Where Thou dost Thy Light display."

Only a small percentage of those bidden to the Dedication Ceremony were able to attend the service in the Chapel. Amongst those present

were Princess Christian, President of the Hospital, Princess Henry of Battenberg, Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, Mr. Alfred Langton, Chairman of the Committee of Management, the Matron and others.

When the Bishop of London, preceded by his Chaplain, carrying his pastoral staff, had taken his place before the Altar the service began with the hymn :—



THE CHAPEL, THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL.

" We love the place O God
Wherein Thine honour dwells."
Then followed the prayers, after which the Bishop said :—

" By virtue of our sacred office in the Church of God, we do now dedicate and set apart from all profane and common uses this Chapel, in the

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