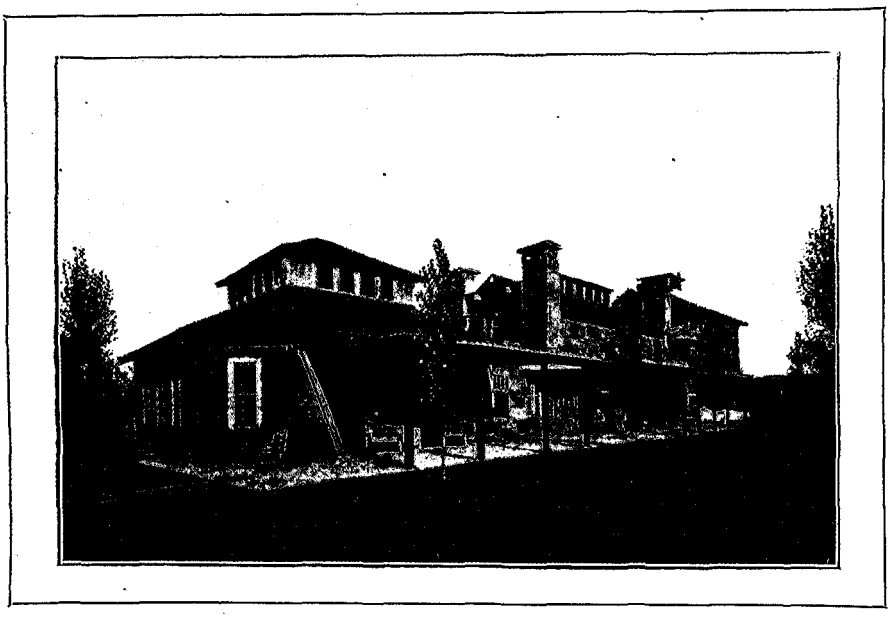
THE PETER BENT BRIGHAM HOSPITAL.

The history of this hospital is quite modern, but deserves to be told, because it is the record of the noble generosity of the man whose name it bears. He was a citizen of Boston, U.S.A., and by the provision of his will sufficient money was left to build the splendid group of buildings which comprise this hospital, one of the finest that I have seen anywhere. The sum was enormous. I am afraid to say positively, but I *think* I was told it was 10,000,000 dollars (about £2,000,000), which sum, I also believe, partly endows it.



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Hospital construction has been brought to the highest point of mechanical art. Everything of the newest, most convenient, and labour-saving is to be seen here. It is built on the "Unit System," which has already been explained. The light signal system is in vogue here, the benefit of which is abundantly clear. It is attached to every bed, and should the nurse not be at hand, the patient, instead of calling, merely uses the red light signal which communicates with the register on the Head Nurse's table. It is a benefit to the patient, and acts as a check upon the nurse.

Perhaps nothing has changed more of late years than the treatment of typhoid patients, more especially in dietetics. Coffee with cream, custard, and baked potatoes are some of the varieties of the menu in this hospital. We rejoice to find that the unchangeable—and to many patients unpalatable—milk diet is becoming obsolete.

The excellent beds are made to serve all purposes of locomotion. Whenever the patient has to be moved, including to the operation room, he is always conveyed on his bed.

Some of the facts of construction are so interesting that I will reproduce them from an illustrated pamphlet I have at hand.

Size: The Hospital covers about 10 acres of land. *Capacity:* 225 beds. *Construction:* Fireproof throughout. *Ventilation:* By several systems, according to requirements: (1) By ordinary

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