

A few weeks ago an Exhibition of Arts and Crafts was held in support of the Recreation Room, which was opened by Lady Amptill and proved an unqualified success. In the first place the work—fine needlework, embroidery, wool work, and other specimens exhibited by patients, orderlies, and nursing staff, were voted of an exceptionally high standard of excellence.

In the second place the day was perfect, and there were so many visitors that the money taken was far in excess of all expectations, and the Recreation Room benefited to a corresponding degree. The public availed themselves to the full of the opportunity of seeing the hospital.

It is not in the wards alone that the advantage of fresh air is manifest. The roof of the kitchen is raised some inches from the walls, thus affording space both for ample ventilation and for the

are only cardboard, and the other that they are of alabaster.

Mention must be made of the chapel which is used for early celebrations and daily services, but parade services are held out of doors.

As I paused on the bridge over the river on my way to the Market Place where stacks of fragrant lavender were on sale, the river was bathed in sunshine, and the whole place steeped in the peace which so often enfolds ancient foundations established and enriched by the devotion and self-denial of our forefathers. One hoped that it permeated into the inmost being of the convalescents in the blue hospital uniforms leaning over the parapets—uniforms now familiar and honoured as the mark of men, gallant and chivalrous, who have fought and suffered for King and Empire—  
God bless them.  
M. B.



FIRST EASTERN GENERAL HOSPITAL, CAMBRIDGE.

A Ward with open front,

The Entrance.

admission of air, the consequence is that it is quite free from smell.

The housekeeping is now in charge of a Sister, and the Sisters' Mess finds the advantage of this, both in comfort and economy. The food goes from the kitchen to the wards in hot tins, so that it arrives quite hot in the wards.

There is a very busy operating theatre with two tables, where the operations often number thirty a day, and sometimes are as many as fifty. A daily chart is kept and just now the line is mounting steadily upwards. In the theatre block is an X-ray room, also an extremely busy department.

The walls of the huts are of asbestos, though if the conversation of two patients is correctly reported in the *Hospital Gazette* there is a difference of opinion on the subject, one holding that they

### HOSPITAL SHIP TRAGEDY.

We are still mourning the loss of brave men belonging to Territorial units in a troop train in India when 130 cases of heat stroke occurred, 19 of which proved fatal, now the Secretary of State for India communicated to the press the following cable received from the Viceroy:—  
“On recent voyage of hospital ship *Dongola* from Basra to Bombay there were 130 cases of heat stroke among British sick and wounded troops, and seventeen deaths due to heat-stroke occurred among troops and crew, and five other deaths were probably caused by heat. A following wind necessitated ship being turned round every four hours for first thirty-six hours of voyage, so that wards could be ventilated. Voyage was made under most trying climatic conditions.”

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