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THE COTTAGE HOSPITAL, FRIMLEY.

Chief among the benefits of a cottage hospital are the facts that skilled medical treatment and nursing care can be brought to the rural poor at the earliest possible moment, and further that when obliged to leave their own homes for such treatment they are still in the midst of familiar things and familiar faces, and to the man and woman who rarely move more than a few miles from home the loneliness of illness amongst strangers is not an added burden.

Typical amongst institutions of this kind, which are doing good work all over the country, is the Frimley District Cottage Hospital, of which

the centre bed at present taking the form of a red cross.

In the attic are three bedrooms, a boxroom and a linen cupboard.

Along the road just now pass many troops and also convoys of German prisoners on their way to the large internment camp near the Sanatorium.

During the past year a system of heating by hot water has been installed throughout the hospital, the whole cost was defrayed by a member of the Committee, Mrs. A. C. Pain. In consequence of this alteration it has been necessary to build a mortuary, as a portion of the building used for this purpose was required for a furnace room. Another generous donor has given the mortuary slab.

The hospital is now undertaking the school



A VERANDAH, FRIMLEY COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

Miss E. M. Cancellor is Matron. It consists of a central block to which wings have been added and which form the main wards (King Edward VII and King George V) and their annexes. A feature of these are the wide and pleasant verandahs on to which the beds of the patients, as shown in our illustration, can be drawn through the French windows. The private wards are in the main building, opening on to the central corridor. On the other side of the corridor the scullery and operating room are placed.

The Matron's quarters are on the first floor. A charming sitting room, dining room, bedroom and bathroom; there is also a kitchen on this floor. From the windows of the sitting room there is a pleasant outlook over the garden where, under Miss Cancellor's supervision, roses and many other beautiful things grow and prosper,

clinic work, an indication of a further way in which cottage hospitals may serve the community. They might also, in many instances, become centres of ante-natal work. When one sees the good work of the Frimley Cottage Hospital under its up-to-date and capable Matron one realises what potent centres for good such hospitals may be.

It requires a many-sided person to be Matron of a cottage hospital. She should be a first-rate nurse, both in the operating theatre and of medical and other cases, a good domestic manager, for the very existence of the hospital may depend on her capacity to manage well and economically. She should also be able to secure the friendship of rich and poor and, withal, should be watchful for opportunities of extending the sphere of usefulness of the hospital. To manage a cottage hospital well is indeed no mean feat.

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