

FISHMONGERS' HALL HOSPITAL.

The Fishmongers' Hall, which stands at the City end of London Bridge, was two years ago fitted and equipped as a Hospital for officers by the Messrs. Hirsch, and an account appeared in this Journal at the time—both of the opening and descriptive of the hospital. Since then nearly 800 patients have passed through its doors, and 250 operations have been performed in its little theatre.

The fine Banqueting Hall has been divided into single cubicles, and despite its ornate walls and ceiling excellent results have been achieved. On the second floor, the cubicles contain some two, some three beds. They are comfortably furnished and have a bright and restful appearance, and, above all, they are evidently the *sanctum*

The domestic Service is also worked by V.A.D.s, and the detachment told off for this purpose are by the Matron's permission, entirely under the supervision of their own senior officer, who is responsible for their work and off duty times.

Certainly the Service Room looked very efficient at the time of our visit when the inviting-looking trays were being prepared for tea. Each patient is allowed two guests for this meal—should he so desire. The Matron runs the hospital on nursing home lines, as she considers that in a small hospital meals taken in the patients' rooms are preferable to a common dining room.

While everything bears the stamp of efficiency and comfort, there is no lavish outlay, and everything adaptable has been adapted before incurring unnecessary expense.

One proof of good generalship is harmonious working, and the Matron gives generous praise to



MISS LIGHTFOOT, LADY DIMSDALE AND NURSING STAFF,
THE FISHMONGERS' HALL HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS.

sanctorum of their occupants. The outlook from these windows is a real joy, and we feel sure plays no small part in hastening convalescence.

The windows directly overlook the river and, indeed, almost overhang it. We can well imagine the soothing effect of the gliding river upon over-strained nerves, and the fascination of idly watching the vessels drifting along its bosom.

On the balcony below there is a hut erected for septic cases and those requiring open-air treatment; these patients literally lie over the river, and thoroughly appreciate the treatment.

Miss Lightfoot, the Matron, who was trained at King's College Hospital, has been fortunate enough to secure most of the Sisters from her old training school. The majority of the nurses hail from St. John's House, and V.A.D.s supply the probationer staff.

the workers in all departments for their willing service and loyalty.

While Lady Dimsdale is the popular and highly competent Civil Administrator, the Nursing arrangements are in the sole charge of the Matron.
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The Russian Exhibition was opened at the Grafton Galleries on Monday by Lord French. Lady Muriel Paget, the organiser, briefly explained that the exhibition was in aid of the Anglo-Russian Hospital at Petrograd, which was an outward and visible sign of the great admiration of the whole of our Empire for gallant and chivalrous Russian soldiers. Nurses with a shilling to spare will expend it patriotically by visiting the exhibition; they will learn much of the real Russia and the wonderful possibilities of its people.

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