

convalescence and to resuming once more their activities.

The grounds can boast some fine old trees. One plane tree is said to be the finest in Middlesex. A beautiful beech is its formidable rival. Grey squirrels abound in the grounds, but as we were informed that they have demolished nearly the whole of the walnut crop, their room would probably be as welcome as their company.

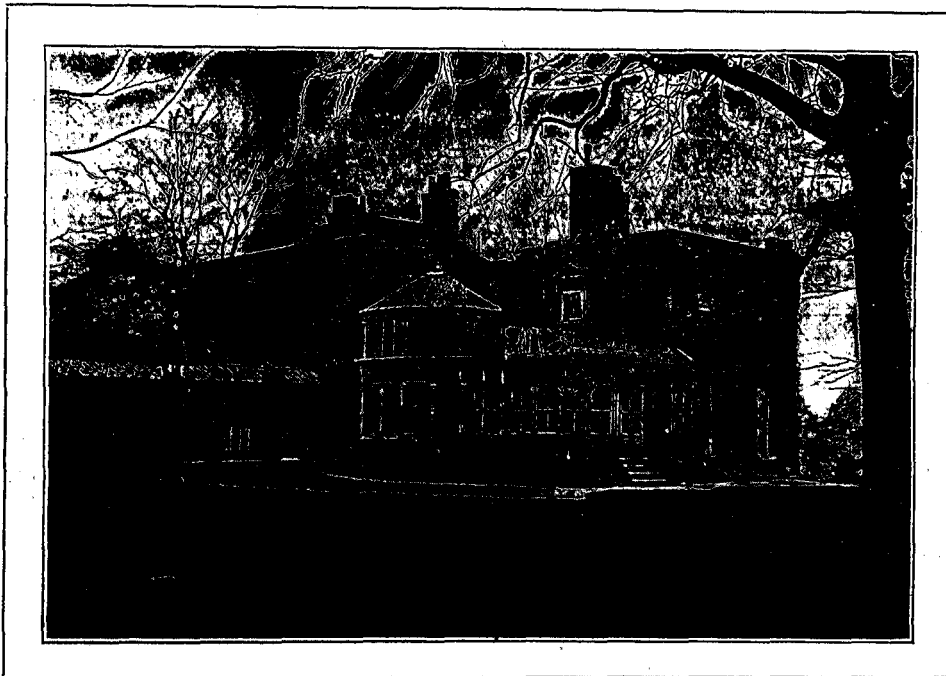
These squirrels are supposed to be the descendants of a pair of Californian grey squirrels which once escaped from the Zoological Gardens, and they have become so numerous and virile that they threaten to exterminate the familiar little red squirrel of this country.

In speaking of the delights of the hospital itself we must not forget its object, which is to return men to the ranks of skilled labour

The Hospital is supported by voluntary contributions from the industrial workers, and the public of Great Britain and America, through the Allies Hospital Benevolent Society, 135-7, New Bond Street, London, W. 1, of which Sir William Younger, Bart., is Chairman, the object of which is to establish a recognised Head Centre and a Committee to deal with the working, equipment, financing and administration of Hospitals in England and (or) France for sailors and soldiers of the Allies' Forces during the period of the War and after, and to organise, finance, and administer Employment Agencies for discharged sailors and soldiers, and to carry on any other class of work which may be of benefit to such sailors and soldiers, and others.

The programme of the Society is:—

To provide a hospital for discharged as well as



MANOR HOUSE ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL, HAMPSTEAD.

who, but for this hospital, would remain permanently disabled.

Such work as this should be liberally supported by the generosity of a public which acknowledges itself the heavy debtors of these maimed soldiers.

The charming and courteous Matron, Miss Christie Webber, was trained at the Royal Portsmouth Hospital, and for two years has been Matron of the Allies Hospital at Yvetot, which has now been taken over by the French Red Cross. Miss Webber says she spent a very happy time there, and we think we can guess that her patients and staff were equally content during her jurisdiction at that hospital.

We received a most kindly welcome at the Manor House from the Vice-Chairman, Mr. G. W. F. Reed.

undischarged soldiers and sailors, to give the necessary but special treatment which, save to a very limited extent, is now only available to officers.

To adapt the old building (commandeered by the War Office), erect on the grounds the necessary huts; furnish, finance, and administer same as a first-class hospital.

To establish a Committee of Aid to give advice to and secure suitable employment for discharged sailors and soldiers.

Whilst the patients are undergoing treatment, to give them light employment likely to be of future use to them, and to dispose of the articles they may manufacture placing the proceeds to their credit.

To treat outdoor patients.

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