

THE CIVIL HOSPITAL, KARACHI.

A correspondent sends us the following interesting details of this beautiful Indian Hospital.

This is comparatively a new one-storeyed building of solid stone of a light khaki colour

It is artistic and handsome. The grounds are laid out with lawns, flower beds and palms, with some very fine old trees and flowering shrubs.

Besides the main building, there are separate blocks, Eye Hospital, Administrative and Out-Patients' Department, Septic Block, Nurses', House Surgeon's and Assistants' Quarters.

The wards are bright and airy, with beautiful white marble floors; the floors of the verandahs are of red tiles, which make a pretty and pleasing contrast.

There is accommodation for about 200 in-patients, and the daily out-patients' attendance, which includes all types of diseases, eye, ear, nose and throat, is about 300.

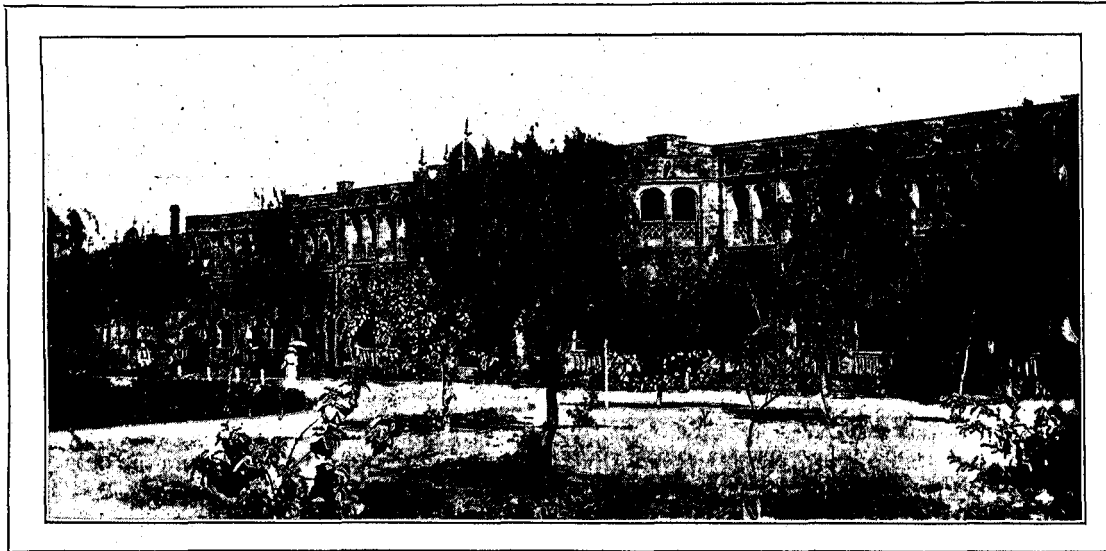
The upper floor of the hospital is for the better class of paying patients, both Europeans and Indians. On the ground floor are the general Wards, of which more than half

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND.

The Prince of Wales, who presided on July 25th at a special meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, read a message from the King expressing His Majesty's gratification that the Fund should be in a position to help the Hospitals of London to meet the cost of extensions, improvements, and other urgent needs

THE N.M.L. "CAMP."

"Sandsend" is a word which recalls many happy memories to a number of members of the Nursing Profession who in past years have attended some of the "Camps" of the Nurses' Missionary League. This year's gathering was like all previous ones, in that everyone present had a thoroughly happy and enjoyable fortnight. The Mulgrave Woods were as lovely as ever, with their luxuriant ferns and foliage, and their blaze of rhododendrons. The sands provided a delightful place for basking in the sun, and for bathing and swimming. Sometimes the party went further afield, and explored the beauties of



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are for surgical cases; this part of the building is always full.

The number of indoor surgical operations are over 1,000 a year; these include appendectomy operations, gastro-jejunosotomy, short circuiting and resection of bowel, operations for stone in the urinary and gall bladder, gynaecological and eye, ear, nose and throat operations.

The present Civil Surgeon is Colonel Stephen, I.M.S., who carries out all the major operative work. Appendix and hernia operations are in the majority, and during the last year all these healed by first intention, without any mortality.

The nursing of this large Hospital is carried out by a Staff of 31, which includes the Matron, Assistant Matron, Home Sister, six Ward Sisters, one Night Superintendent. The other Nurses are in training.

The above Staff also provides the nursing for the Municipal Infectious Diseases Hospital, which contains about 40 beds.

The Nursing Association is a distinct organisation from the Civil Hospital, and is managed by a Committee. It is largely financed by private subscriptions, Mr. H. H. Hood, Chief Collector of Customs in Sind, is the Honorary Secretary of the Association, and under his able and energetic directions the financial position is now assured.

Whitby, of Robin Hood's Bay, and of the open moors at Grosmont.

Those who gathered at "Camp," 27 in all, came from varying spheres; district nurses, private nurses, Sisters, Pros. Four came from overseas, two from Uganda and two from India, and many were the tales they had to tell about the lives and sufferings of India's womanhood, about the superstitions and ignorance met with in Africa, and about the splendid heroism of African converts. A feature of "Camp" is always the family-feeling with other members of the League in distant lands, and this year, as usual, letters were read from members in China, Africa, India, Palestine, Persia, and the distant Isles of the Sea, which made very vivid their circumstances and their needs. These needs, and many connected with the work at home, were often remembered in Intercession at prayers in the morning, and at the evening meetings, at which short devotional or missionary addresses were given. These meetings, together with the informal Bible Study Circles (held always out of doors), provided much food for thought and much spiritual help. The two sides of Camp combined to make the time a complete refreshment of body, soul and spirit. As one member, for whom this was her first experience of Camp, said, "it has been the most delightful holiday I ever spent."

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