

patient stiff and still, eyes closed, and the hands folded decorously across the breast.

“ Good heavens ! Fractured bases don't all die.”
 “ This one did,” replied the candidate firmly.”

We have pleasure in printing a letter in our Correspondence columns on page 25, from Miss Williams, the Matron of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, to which we draw the attention of our readers, and are glad to give the widest publicity possible to her statement that the two nurses arrested for shop-lifting in London, have no connection whatsoever with the Royal Sussex Hospital, Brighton.

This hospital stands high as a Nurse Training School, and we sympathise with the Matron and Staff at the error made in the lay press in reporting the proceedings at Marlborough Street Police Court.

A wireless appeal, broadcast at the request of Mr. Howard, an invalid ex-soldier in the East Sussex County Sanatorium at Robertsbridge, that Miss Batley, who was formerly on the staff of a military hospital at Salonica when he was a patient there would help him, has been successful. Mr. Hobden had lost his papers, and was therefore unable to establish the fact. Miss Batley, now the Matron of the Royal Cancer Hospital at Glasgow, has been able to verify it, and thus help to secure him an Army Pension of 45s. a week.

One of the most charming gifts ever made for retired nurses is that by Dr. Essex Wynter, F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., a former Senior Physician at the Middlesex Hospital, to that institution for the benefit of retired members of its Nursing Staff.

At the recent Court of Governors of the Hospital, the Chairman, Major Astor, announced that Dr. Wynter proposed eventually to devote to this purpose his house at Newbury, Berkshire, known as Bartholomew Manor, with two groups of sixteenth century cottages (sixteen in all) to be held by the hospital in perpetuity, together with an endowment fund for their maintenance and upkeep, for the purpose of a home for retired members of the nursing staff. The gift had already been put by

Dr. Wynter, in part, to its ultimate use. Two of the cottages had been reconstructed to form self-contained and admirably furnished homes, and were occupied by two nurses.

A Resolution, moved by Prince Arthur of Connaught, was unanimously carried expressing gratitude for the gift which formed “ a magnificent donation from one of the hospital's most distinguished sons.”

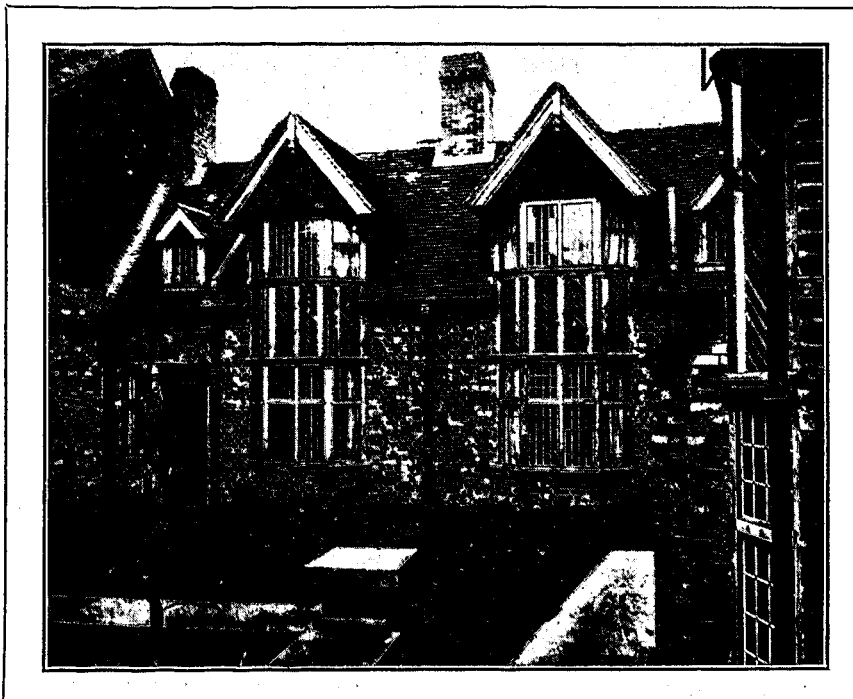
The thoughtfulness and sympathy shown in the gift constitutes its great charm. A number of members of the Nursing Staff of the Middlesex Hospital will now, thanks to Dr. Wynter, pass a serene old age in lovely surroundings, without being harassed by the haunting spectre of very restricted means, or of the poverty which is the lot of so many who have spent their lives in the service of the sick, and while at work have spent generously of their slender salaries in supporting parents and other relatives.

We imagine that Dr. Wynter's gift will have the effect of making the Nurse Training School at the Middlesex Hospital one of the most popular in the country.

Bartholomew Manor has a most interesting history having been built in its present form in 1391, but there was, says *The Times*, a community established on the land in Saxon times. The manor has a remarkable history. At one time it was the castle of Pem-

broke, the Earl Marshal who sided with Matilda and was involved in a dispute with the Church. The Church cursed him and his seed, and it is recorded that, while each of his five sons succeeded to the Manor of Newbury, none left male issue. In later years the ownership of the manor passed to Jane Seymour, and so to Edward VI. It then followed the Crown to Charles I, who granted the manor to the town of Newbury.

The two groups of cottages, four in the north of the demesne and 12 in the south, were built in 1559. They all front to the ancient Saxon way, a gravel road which ran from Southampton through Newbury to Birkenhead. Dr. Wynter has gradually bought up plots of land round the Manor House to protect the manor and the cottages, and there can now be no building on the estate. The house is surrounded by beautiful gardens and venerable trees.



SIXTEENTH CENTURY COTTAGES.

Presented by Dr. Wynter to the Middlesex Hospital for retired members of its Nursing Staff.

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