

CALVARY HOSPITAL, SAN STEFANO, ROTONDO, ROME.

The Hospital in Rome of the Little Company of Mary.

In this Hospital in Rome you find that there remains very strongly the impress of the woman to whom it owes everything, Mother Mary Potter, Foundress of the Little Company of Mary. She it was who planned it from its very beginnings, and in the very fact that she chose such a beautiful situation for the Hospital we realise that she must have been a woman who counted upon the effect of environment, of beautiful scenery and pure air and space. The view from the Hospital covers miles, and embraces gems of architecture of ancient, mediæval and modern Rome, as well as a wide stretch of its surroundings. The Hospital is in the form of a cross, and just in the centre of this is set its exquisite chapel; it was a lovely thing when you walked through the corridors or partook, in one of the public rooms, of the kindly hospitality of the Reverend Mother, to hear the sweet voices of the Sisters floating over the Hospital from this Chapel, or from one of the upper corridors, to look down upon its peace and loveliness. The building was designed by the Mother Foundress of the Order, and the Sisters tell with amusement how, when first shown the plan, drawn by the Reverend Mother, the architect declared it an impossible one for him to carry out. Mother Mary quietly acquiesced, folded up her plan, while indicating that sometime, somehow, and by someone, the building would be erected on this plan. In the morning came a letter from the architect stating that he was willing to carry out the work in accordance with the plan.

It was surely this Hospital which was referred to by Mrs. Hamilton King in "The Disciples," when she wrote:

"Now I heard
Fra Ugo Bassi preach. For though in Rome
He held no public ministry this year,
On Sundays in the hospital he took
His turn in preaching, at the service held
Where five long chambers, lined with suffering folk,
Converged, and in the midst an altar stood,
By which on feast days stood the priest, and spoke.
And I remember how, one day in March,
When all the air was thrilling with the spring,
And even the sick people in their beds
Felt, though they could not see it, he stood there;
Looking down all the lines of weary life,
Still for a little under the sweet voice,
And spoke this sermon to them, tenderly,
As it was written down by one who heard:"

The theatre of the Hospital is one of the most perfect we have seen. The various rooms, such as the anaesthetist's, instrument room, etc., adjoining it are most modern and up-to-date, and we admired the wonderful instrument cupboards and the splendid sterilisers in their glass-chamber, protecting the theatre from steam; the dainty colouring of the tiles make the walls of the theatre look quite beautiful in appearance. Both the Hospital and its Nursing Staff are evidently the pride and joy of the Director Comm. Dott. Angelo Pavone.

The Out-Patient Department is large and constitutes a very important part of the Hospital's work; the X-Ray Department is another important feature, and is excellently equipped.

The Institution comprises sixty beds for patients, and for some of these the patients have to pay while others are free, but no difference is made in the diet, etc., between paying patients and those who get treatment free; there are low partitions between the beds, and the wards are very bright and airy. The patients looked exceedingly happy and contented, in their comfortable beds or sitting on the verandas looking over the beautiful landscape.

On each floor there are three Sisters. We admired very much the comprehensive reports kept in the case of each patient.

The Nursing School of the Hospital (St. Gregory's School) is exceedingly well equipped, and the teaching is undertaken by the Professor and his Assistant, and by the Sisters; very special attention is given to the teaching of hygiene in its various branches. The Hospital is affiliated with the Red Cross Hospital, so that the student nurses spend part of their three years there. The Certificates are always awarded on St. Catherine's day, a compliment to Mother Catherine, the head of the Hospital. I. M.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The King in Council has approved the granting of a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C., in accordance with a petition made by the Treasurer, Lord Donoughmore, the Vice-Presidents and members of the Board of Management.

Under the Royal Charter of Incorporation, the whole of the property is vested in the Hospital as a corporate body.

It is announced that in all probability the Queen will open the new wing of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, Euston, some time in May, when it is hoped to hand to Her Majesty a casket filled with jewellery which has been sent to the hospital towards the renovation fund. Telephone exchange girl operators have raised nearly £2,000 for the hospital.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, President of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, has appointed Sir George Lawson Johnston, K.B.E., an Honorary Secretary of the Fund.

The Duchess of York has promised to open the new Arthur James out-patient department and casualty wards at Rugby Hospital, which are being erected at a cost of about £9,000 to the memory of Mr. Arthur James, a great benefactor of the hospital.

Prince George, as President of University College Hospital, had a splendid success when he took the chair at a festival dinner held at the Mansion House, by the kindness of the Lord Mayor, in support of the special appeal to pay off the accumulated debt of £30,000 and to provide the foundation of an adequate reserve. At its conclusion the Prince responding to the toast of "The Chairman," announced amid loud applause that sums collected totalled £30,100, including £1,000 from Sir Percy Shepherd and £1,000 from an anonymous donor. He expressed the hope that every donor would become an annual subscriber.

Regent's Park Chapel, in Park Square East, will be converted in the course of the next few months into a clinic for the treatment of rheumatism by the British Red Cross Society.

Lord Athlone, Governor-General of South Africa, and Princess Alice were presented at Government House, Capetown, on the occasion of their silver wedding by General Hertzog, the Premier, on behalf of the people of the Union, with a silver salver, a magnificent silver tea and coffee service, an illuminated address, and a cheque for £5,000.

In acknowledging the gift Lord Athlone, who ended his speech with a few words of heartfelt gratitude in Afrikaans, said part of the cheque would be devoted to child welfare, and part to the King Edward VII Order of Nurses, of which Princess Alice is chairman.

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