

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

A PAMPHLET OF GRATITUDE.

Mr. George Verity, the Chairman of Charing Cross Hospital, has his own original method of popularising that well-known institution, and for friends to receive a letter in his own handwriting—enclosing the annual Pamphlet of Gratitude—makes them eager to peruse its contents, and to learn the story of the hospital for the past year, and especially how it stands financially. In these hard times when all our superfluous pennies have been monopolised by that veritable sleuth, the tax gatherer, one has to peep into one's purse twice before sending a satisfactory reply to any hospital appeal.

On the tasteful cover of the Pamphlet we find inscribed :—
"Progress. Safety. Necessity. Efficiency. Big Needs. Little Endowment. No Debts."

We are specially pleased with "No Debts," and considering the total ordinary expenditure for 1930 is £61,038, we wonder how it is done. To quote the Pamphlet—to begin with, the

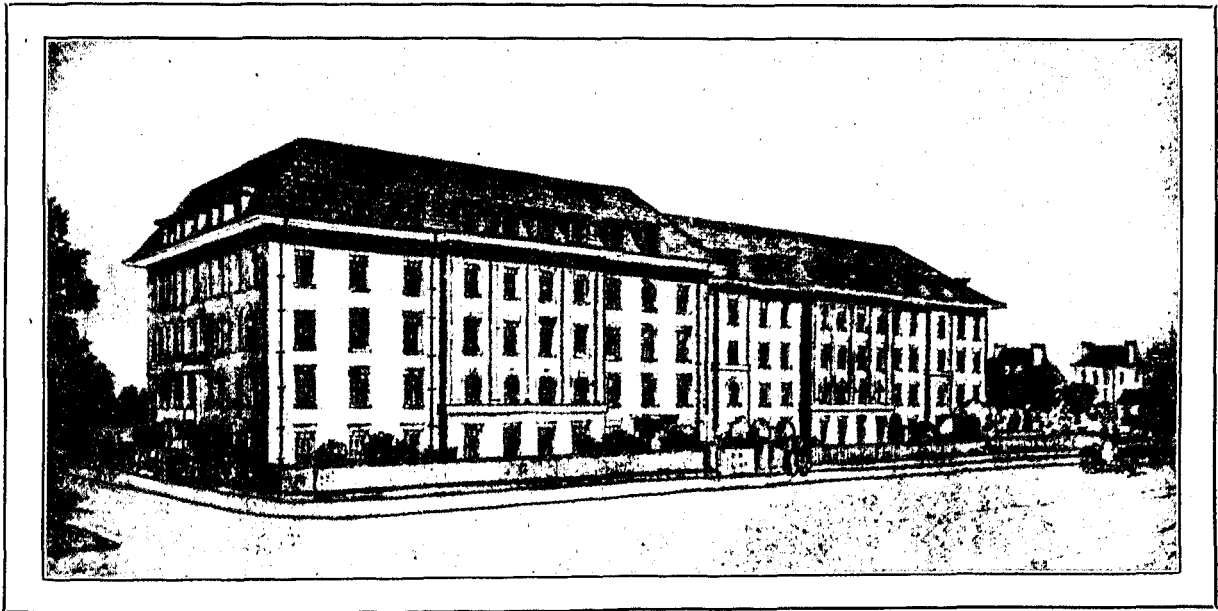
THE NEW NURSES' HOSTEL AT HAMPSTEAD.

Putting it briefly, in 1929 the Freehold was purchased for £8,000, and paid for from savings. The plans were submitted to the Authorities of the King Edward's Fund, and, after careful consideration from every point of view, the contract was placed for the buildings, £45,000.

The furnishing and equipment, the electric lighting and heating, and such like matters will have to be faced. These will amount possibly to another £10,000.

The best reason given for erecting the Nurses' Hostel at a distance from the hemmed-in Hospital is a sound one. We are told "We shall have room for our increased Nursing Staff; they will be able to rest and enjoy recreation in pure air, instead of being made almost neurasthenic by the noise of traffic and blinding lights, as at present, so I know I shall have your sympathy and, where possible, your help. . . ."

"The work is progressing splendidly. Already we can see the red brick frontage rising with steelwork towering above in readiness for the covering of brick and plaster. With good fortune, in June or July next the buildings



THE ARCHITECT'S DESIGN FOR THE NEW NURSES' HOSTEL OF CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL AT HAMPSTEAD.

writer thanks Providence for "the Hospital having come through one of the worst periods of depression that I have seen in sixty-four years."

And then we are told of all the wonderful progress that has been made during this distressing time. As a result of Mr. Inman's visit to America in 1929 with dollars secured, a Wing of the Hospital has been endowed in honour of the American Nation called the Columbia Wing, which no doubt will give subscribers great pleasure when they pay it a visit.

It is gratifying to walk through the New Wards, in what was originally the R.W.O.H. building, and see the Dental Department, the Nose, Throat and Ear Department, or the Orthopaedic Section all in full swing and busy on the work of healing at full efficiency, and during the current year the new Casualty Wards on the lower ground floor have been completed and equipped.

Another little work carried out has been the re-tiling of the Corridors of the main staircases and ward approaches.

The knell of bankruptcy is certainly not sounded so far as we can hear. And now for 1931.

will be completed, and by the early autumn in full swing of occupation."

We are informed that "each Nurse will have a room with hot and cold running water and furniture built in to economise space and make for labour saving; bathrooms at the ratio of one to four bedrooms, shampoo room and room for washing out little articles of silk clothing and to iron them; recreation and rest rooms, also a room to receive visitors. The Sister-in-Charge will have a sitting-room as well as her office. Kitchens are being built for the meals which will be provided there. All breakfasts will be served before the Nurses start for the hospital, and a certain number of meals for those with days off. Reorganisation of the times for the working in hospital will have to be considered to allow for the journeys to and from the Home. Conveyances will be provided and will be run to a certain time-table. It is hoped to widen the scope of outdoor sports, as there are tennis courts and badminton courts available within reasonable distance. It will be a great advantage for the Nurses to get right away from the atmosphere of the hospital when they have finished their

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