

THE PAPWORTH VILLAGE SETTLEMENT, CAMBRIDGE, FOR THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

ADMINISTRATION CLASS, BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Those Fellows and Members taking the Hospital Administration Course of the British College of Nurses had a most interesting experience on Tuesday, October 6th, when they visited the Papworth Village Settlement.

Our party left Liverpool Street Station by the 10 a.m. train, and on arriving at Cambridge were driven to the Village, in the Papworth car, a journey of twelve miles. We passed through the quaint streets of Cambridge, catching by the way entrancing glimpses of the beautiful College buildings, many enhanced by creepers in their autumn glory, then along the high road, through many miles of open country, and on reaching Papworth passed through an avenue of fine trees to Papworth Hall, an old mansion of the Georgian period, largely converted into wards for male patients.

On being escorted to the Library, we were most courteously received by the Matron (Miss Borne). On the wall in this apartment hangs the portrait of Her Majesty, Queen Mary, who has twice visited the Village, and was the donor of £1,000 to the Colony.

The New Hospital for Women.

Time was short and there was much to see, so our kind hostess conducted us first to the New Hospital for Women, designed by Mr. McMahon and constructed by Papworth Industries.

The building, containing 62 beds, is crescent shaped, with red tiled roof, and a most pleasant sunny aspect.

Here would appear to be the culmination of the most scientific treatment and every modern convenience.

The rooms were constructed to hold some one and some two patients, and were entered from the corridor by swing doors, facing French windows almost the width of the room, opening on to the main balcony, so pleasant to tread, extending the length of the building and facing south, commands beautiful views of the lake, with vistas of coppice, lawn, and spreading trees beyond.

The Columbian pine doors harmonising with walls of pale primrose, give charming relief to the delightful variety of gay curtains, eiderdowns, etc., each room in the latter respect differing, and although the equipment is extremely simple, a sense of comfort prevails. A particular triumph of the kind is the bedside locker (designed by the Matron), constructed of oak, arranged to hold a large enamelled tray inside the top for toilet requisites, a space for books, a small lock-up drawer, of which the patient keeps the key, a handkerchief container conveniently arranged outside, the contents of which are burned, and hook attached on the back of the locker on which a folding bed table of similar wood hangs when not in use. Being on rubber casters, the locker is easily adjusted.

In the main kitchen of the building, fitted with every convenience, Hotlock's, Ltd., Monel Metal Dinner Trolley was much admired, being heated by burning small bricks, at a cost of only 1½d. per day, the top tray being a hot-plate for carving.

The two main corridors are wide and light, having the very effective decoration of primrose walls, wainscotted with pretty blue lino. This, Miss Borne explained, was much less costly than wood, and also could be cleaned and polished. This scheme applied to Bathrooms and Lavatories; in the latter, the latest invention for sterilising bed-pans is installed, in the use of which human hands have no part in emptying, cleansing and sterilising this nursing requisite.

Many other apartments were visited: the washing-up pantry, where patients, when well enough, wash their own crockery; Linen Room; Patients' Cloak Room; Staff Dining Room; and room where patients may receive their visitors.

On passing once more along the beautiful sunny balconies, we noted a stone tablet to commemorate that this fine new Women's Hospital was opened by H.R.H. the Duchess of York on July 8th, 1932.

Our tour brought us then to a meadow in which about ninety shelters for male patients were erected, these being used by men at work in the Village Settlement.

The Royal Table.

The Class was then conducted back to the Hall, where a delicious lunch was provided in the Matron's quarters, and where a thrill of unexpected interest awaited us.

Our hostess invited us to view the table at which Royalty had sat, and explained that Their Majesties the King and Queen and H.R.H. the Princess Royal were Patrons of Papworth Village Settlement.

As we gathered round this beautiful antique board, which had been honoured by the presence of members of the Royal Family, we observed inlaid in the table several brass plates, slightly larger than a visiting card, bearing a replica of each Royal signature. A table, indeed, for a Royal memento! After lunch, much refreshed, we passed from the Matron's quarters down through the large entrance hall used as a patients' dining room, out into the grounds. Our way was down the avenue through a gateway to the main road. There we noticed at a little distance a large building in course of construction by Papworth patients, to be a new 90-bed Hospital for men in place of the present wards in Papworth Hall.

A Village Community.

Crossing the main road of the Village, we realise this is really a village community, that Papworth village comprises some 360 acres. A village of Industries, of which the activity is such that, in spite of the severe industrial depression, it is a remarkable fact that the sales of Papworth Industries have increased from £68,000 in 1930 to £71,900 in 1931. This fact could well be understood on visiting the workshops, where a great variety of furniture of beautiful design was on view.

As we traverse an undulating charming way, we pass the Wesleyan Chapel, and the spire of the Parish Church is visible at the top of the hill.

Then on our right, we pass numerous buildings surrounded by their charming gardens—some of them being St. John's Hostel for Men, St. Mary's Hostel for Women, the fine Village Hall; private wards are available for married people.

Next we reach a fine private house, in its own garden, which is the Nurses' Home, equipped with every comfort.

THE BORNE DOWER HOUSE.

On the crest of the hill we come to the Dower House, a unique feature not only of Papworth Village, but the first of its kind in England. This was the inspiration of Miss Borne, the Matron, who also designed the house. Miss Borne's idea was that Papworth Nurses who were unable to continue their strenuous duties after years of service, should be provided with a beautiful home and maintenance for life. Through her untiring efforts and generosity, the necessary means have been collected and many gifts.

The tour of this charming house, now to be known as Borne House, in honour of Miss Borne, was truly fascinating.

On entering the hall, we find the main sitting room on the left; the walls of this apartment are throughout magnifi-

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