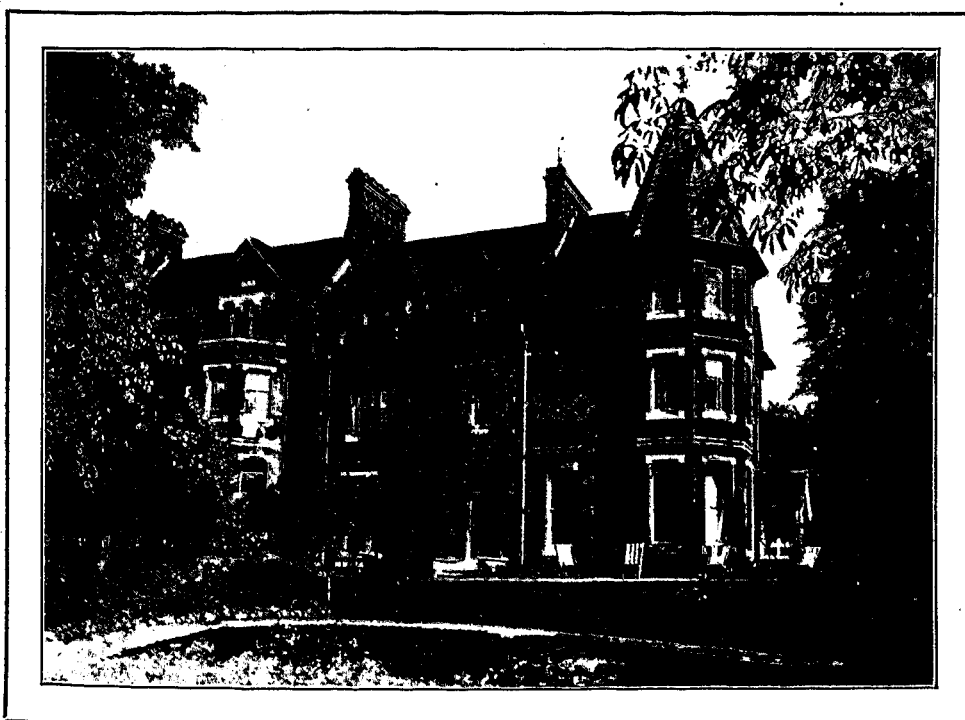


ARUNDEL LODGE INVALIDS' HOME, DUPPAS ROAD, CROYDON.

There are many impoverished gentlewomen, when advanced in years and in failing health, who find that they are physically unable to attend to their daily needs, and look with dismay to the dreaded future, being faced by their straitened circumstances which are quite inadequate to procure the help and attention which becomes more and more necessary as the years pass. Realising that many members of the nursing profession, who having already spent their lives in working strenuously for others on very small remuneration and, through no fault of their own, find themselves in dire need, we have made enquiries in search of a home where they would be admitted and receive within their means the care they require. The quest seemed to be a hopeless one, when we were rejoiced to hear of Arundel Lodge Invalids' Home, Duppas Road,



Arundel Lodge Invalids' Home, Duppas Road, Croydon.

Croydon, of which Mrs. Goodsir is proprietress and Matron. This very fine residence, erected in the year Queen Victoria came to the Throne, stands high on the crest of Duppas Hill, so swept by southern breezes from the coast that it has been said salt can be tasted by those in residence there.

The architecture of Arundel Lodge is typical of the period, when there was no lack of space, its beautiful rooms where large bay windows look to sunny lawns, and extensive views over Surrey are a striking feature.

The Home is entirely concerned with the care of the aged and infirm. It has a delightfully sunny aspect, in the gardens the patients may spend their time during the summer. In the case of ward patients every effort is made to secure congenial company, with not more than three beds in any ward.

"The fees are exceptionally moderate, and with the exception of the extras enumerated, are inclusive. Individual attention is given day and night to obtain the comfort of each patient by a sympathetic and efficient staff. Special

medical attention can be provided as necessitated by any case."

"Great care is taken with the patients' diet, and only food of the best quality is provided."

The Fees are:—

Private Room	...	from £3 3s. per week.
Ward Patients	...	from £2 12s. 6d. per week.

EXTRAS.

Special Nurse	...	£2 12s. 6d. per week.
Weekly attendance of Home Physician		£2 2s. per quarter.

Visitor's Teas served at 4 p.m. ... 1s.

Dressings and Drugs according to quantities used.

Personal Laundry to be paid for by patient.

Bath Chairs and Attendants provided if required.

A sense of home comfort is evident from the kitchen—where, as it was in the late evening when visited, the

numerous breakfast trays daintily arranged for the morning were to be seen—to the top wards with great windows to the floor, from which there are extensive views. The fare is a generous one, which provides for all patients irrespective of what each is able to pay. There is a fine dining room, where those who are able to dine together.

The healthy contented bearing of the patients is striking. One lady of 78 years of age mounting the stairs was introduced in passing, the Matron saying she had been with them for nine years, but she was quickly corrected, the lady testifying to 10½ of the happiest years of her life in the Home. Another who appeared to be about 60 reminded us that she was 86 years of age and indescribably happy.

One has to meet Mrs. Goodsir to feel the inspiration of her life's desire, to love and care for gentlepeople of moderate means. Her scheme is not run for profit, so that by

having many (50 beds) she manages to provide comfort and treatment at very moderate fees.

Here Mrs. Goodsir pointed out that State Registration for Nurses had proved a very great and necessary reform in the proper management of nursing homes. State Registered Nurses only are employed at Arundel Lodge Invalids' Home. Plans are ever going forward for the patients' happiness, and a beautiful car was observed in the drive in which it was explained patients are taken for drives for which the charge is for the cost of the petrol only.

We learn that on one occasion a patient came who, it was found, had not a penny in the world. Her condition was such that the Doctor expressed the opinion that she would not live a month, and "such a dear little woman" Mrs. Goodsir could not possibly turn away, so she remained to receive skilled nursing with every comfort for nine years!

Mrs. Goodsir's inspiring mission fills a long-felt need that the latter years of helpless gentlepeople with slender means shall be spent in happy care-free comfort.

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