

**Sixty-first annual report of the visiting committee of the City of London Mental Hospital, at Stone, near Dartford, in the County of Kent.**

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HOSPITAL,

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VISITING COMMITTEE.

*Appointed by the Court of Common Council holden on the  
18th day of February, 1926.*

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Sir GEORGE WYATT TRUSCOTT, Bt., Alderman, Chairman.

Sir JOHN KNILL, Bt., Alderman.

Sir JAMES ROLL, Bt., Alderman.

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Mr. LEO TAYLOR, F.I.C.

# City of London Mental Hospital

STONE near DARTFORD, KENT.

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*THE ANNUAL REPORT*  
OF  
*THE VISITING COMMITTEE,*  
1926.

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To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen,  
and Commons of the City of London, in Common  
Council assembled.

WE, whose names are hereunto subscribed, of the Visiting  
Committee of the City of London Mental Hospital, have the  
honour to report as to the state and condition of the Hospital  
for the past year.

On the 1st January, 1926, there were on the books of the  
Hospital the names of 277 males and 342 females, total 619.

During the year 50 males and 54 females, of whom  
19 males and 19 females were Voluntary Boarders, were  
admitted, making in all 723 patients under treatment.

Of this number there were discharged:—

	M.	F.	Total.
Recovered ... ..	14	10	24
Removed, relieved, or otherwise ...	22	16	38
	—	—	—
	36	26	62
	—	—	—

and 5 male and 7 female Voluntary Boarders left the Institution.

The deaths were 30 in number, 15 males and 15 females, the rate of mortality of the cases under certificate being 4.16 per cent. of the average number resident.

On the 31st December, 1926, there remained on the books the names of 271 males and 348 females, total 619 patients. Of this number 112 were chargeable to the City of London Union, 64 to the County Rate Account, 72 to Unions and Parishes other than those within the City of London, and 371 were Private Patients, of whom 29 were Voluntary Boarders.

Of the patients chargeable to Unions and Parishes other than those within the City of London, 40 were maintained under Contract with the London County Council.

The applications for admission of patients continue to be numerous, but we hope that with the occupation of the new extensions the accommodation will prove sufficient for the requirements which are made upon it.

The general health of both patients and staff has been highly satisfactory. There has been no instance of epidemic or zymotic disease.

The weekly sum charged for the maintenance of Rate-aided patients under Section 283 (2) of the Lunacy Act, 1890, viz.: 24s. 6d., has remained unchanged.

The alterations and improvements to the Hospital buildings, approved by your Honourable Court on the 25th January, 1923, have now been completed,

With the provision of an Operating Theatre, X-ray Room, Dental Room, Laboratory and the necessary apparatus for administration of Ultra-Violet Ray treatment much has been done to increase the efficiency of the Hospital.

In addition to the new buildings, a considerable amount of renovation and redecoration has been carried out, and we are of opinion that the Hospital is in excellent condition.

A building which was, some years ago, used as an isolation Hospital has been converted into a detached villa for male patients. It is at present occupied by 10 Private Patients, 4 of whom are Voluntary Boarders, and our experience in connection with the detached section for female patients justifies the expectation that this innovation will be successful.

The Farm continues to be a most decided asset to the Hospital, and our thanks are due to the Chairman, Walter Fortescue, Esq., and members of the Farm Sub-Committee for the very high state of efficiency with which it is administered.

The Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder published its Report in July last.

While we are not in full agreement with all the findings of the Royal Commission, many of its recommendations meet with our warm approval, and we especially endorse the following recommendation (page 157 of the Report):—

“ We therefore recommend that the lunacy code should be re-cast with a view to securing that the treatment of mental disorder should approximate as nearly to the treatment of physical ailments as is consistent with the special safeguards which are indispensable

when the liberty of the subject is infringed; that certification should be the last resort, and not a necessary preliminary to treatment; and that the procedure for certification should be simplified, made uniform for private and rate-aided cases alike and dissociated from the Poor Law."

We earnestly trust that legislation will be introduced at an early date to bring about this long overdue and urgently necessary reform of the lunacy laws.

We have sustained a very real loss by the death of our dear friend and colleague, Alderman Sir James Roll, Bt. For the past ten years during which he had been a member of our body, he had taken the greatest interest in the welfare of the patients. He frequently visited the Hospital, even when his health was impaired. The keen intelligence and ripe experience which he brought to bear on questions connected with the management of the Institution were of the utmost value to his colleagues and the Hospital.\*

The sad death, in July last, of Professor R. H. Steen, who retired from the office of Medical Superintendent so recently as June, 1925, deprived us of a tried and valued friend. His illness had been a painful one, and we can only derive consolation from the fact that his passing brought peace to one who had in his time done so much to alleviate the sufferings of others.

It is again our pleasant duty to thank Dr. William Robinson, the Medical Superintendent, for the admirable manner in which he has performed his duties during the past year. His enthusiastic attention to all matters has given us a lively sense of satisfaction.

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\* Alderman Sir James Roll, Bt., died on the 30th January, 1927, after the expiration of the period covered by this report.

Dr. Robinson is ably assisted by Dr. N. Navarra, the Deputy Medical Superintendent, and Dr. E. W. Anderson, Junior Medical Officer.

Consequent upon the resignation of Dr. C. G. Edmonstone, we have appointed Mr. Malcolm Donaldson, F.R.C.S., Physician to out-patients, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Obstetric Physician, Royal Northern Hospital, to be Honorary Consulting Gynæcologist and Surgeon to the Hospital. We have also appointed Dr. J. B. Jobson to act as Honorary Consulting Throat and Ear Specialist.

In order to assist in the preparation of the staff for the various examinations held in mental nursing we have appointed Mrs. E. C. Cooper to be Sister Tutor.

The other Officers, Sub-Officers and members of the staff continue to discharge their duties in a highly satisfactory manner.

We append hereto a copy of the entry in the Visitors' Book made by a Commissioner of the Board of Control upon his annual inspection of the Hospital on the 19th November last, together with the financial statements, certified by the Auditors, and the Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent.

All which we submit to the judgment of your Honourable Court.

Dated this 24th day of February, 1927.

(Signed) G. WYATT TRUSCOTT.  
J. S. PEARSE.  
H. PERCY MONCKTON.  
LEO TAYLOR.  
VICTOR BROWN.  
A. C. STANLEY-STONE.  
J. R. PAKEMAN.  
FRANCIS AGAR.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1900. The names are given in alphabetical order of their surnames. The names of the persons who have been elected to the office of Justice of the Peace for the year 1900 are: J. A. BAKER, J. B. BAKER, J. C. BAKER, J. D. BAKER, J. E. BAKER, J. F. BAKER, J. G. BAKER, J. H. BAKER, J. I. BAKER, J. J. BAKER, J. K. BAKER, J. L. BAKER, J. M. BAKER, J. N. BAKER, J. O. BAKER, J. P. BAKER, J. Q. BAKER, J. R. BAKER, J. S. BAKER, J. T. BAKER, J. U. BAKER, J. V. BAKER, J. W. BAKER, J. X. BAKER, J. Y. BAKER, J. Z. BAKER.

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## COPY OF ENTRY.

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*Made by a Commissioner of the Board of Control  
in the Visitors' Book of the Hospital.*

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CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL.

November 18th, 1926.

An outstanding and satisfactory feature in the history of this Hospital during the past twelve months is the clean bill of health, which the records disclose. There is but one case of Tuberculosis (a female), and that not active in symptoms, and there has been no instance of dysentery or other epidemic or zymotic disease, nor are there at the present any cases of serious physical illness under treatment. I saw some 60 patients confined to bed in the wards, and on the verandahs, but they were for the most part under such treatment for mental reasons, debility or the feebleness of old age, and in all instances they appeared to be in receipt of tactful and proper nursing care. This Hospital is in all respects well administered, as was evidenced by the conditions which I found prevailing throughout the wards, where the patients were in comfortable and, so far as is possible, homely surroundings.

Attention is given to the clothing on both sides, and the variety in pattern and material on the female side was very noticeable.

I had no complaints of any sort as to treatment or diet, and I may say that, the meal which I saw to-day was one which gave evident satisfaction. It was well served, and

seemed to be ample in quantity. The dietary has received careful consideration, it is generous in character and based upon the report of the Departmental Committee.

A very considerable amount of renovation and re-decoration has been and is being effected, a fish frier is being added to the kitchen equipment, and many minor improvements have been carried out, which add generally to the amenities of the Hospital.

The schemes for the alterations and additions to Male Ward 5, are for the time in abeyance, but plans are under consideration for giving further accommodation on this side.

The blocks on the women's side, which were in course of construction at the last visit, have been completed, and are practically ready for occupation; they include means for treatment by continuous baths. The scientific annexe contain Laboratory, Operating Theatre, Dental Room, X-ray and Dark rooms, have been furnished and are in full use, and I should mention that in this annexe Ultra Violet treatment is administered by the latest type of lamps.

In the Laundry, tanks supplied with live steam, and other arrangements have been installed, for the proper treatment of foul linen, in accordance with the suggestions set out in the Board's Circular.

So much has been done to bring this Hospital into line with modern ideas, that I cannot but congratulate Dr. Robinson and the Committee on all that has been completed, and would only further note, as to accomplished work, that a special room has been set apart for treatment by induced Malaria, now in active operation, and that as to the future, it is in contemplation to erect a female admission hospital.

I am glad to hear that arrangements have been made for the appointment of a sister tutor.

There have been 75 admissions since November 16th, 1925; 42 patients have been discharged, of whom 23 had recovered, and 54 have been allowed out on trial.

The deaths number 26, but as to one only is it necessary to refer—that of a woman whose death was the subject of an inquest and where the verdict recorded was that it was due to Broncho Pneumonia and degeneration of the heart and arteries accelerated by fracture of the neck of the Femur, due to an accidental fall by misadventure. The circumstances were duly reported to the Board.

Post-mortem examinations were held in 12 cases.

There are on the books 260 male and 338 female patients, in all 598, of whom 347 are private patients, including 19 classed as “Service.” The Out County patients number 73.

Five patients are on trial, leaving in residence 259 males and 334 females, whom, with the exception of one who was out, I understand that I have seen.

There are open door and club wards; 53 men and 19 women have parole beyond the estate, and 32 men and 120 women have a more limited freedom within the grounds.

There are also residing here in the position of Voluntary Boarders, 14 men and 11 women.

Although there are said to be vacancies for 7 men and 3 women, I think in view of the late re-measurement of the wards that this matter requires further consideration.

The maintenance rate for home patients is 24/6, and for private patients from 35/- to 84/-.

There has been no mechanical restraint and the serious non-fatal casualties, 4 in number, call for no comment.

The staff consists of charge male nurses 7, charge female nurses 6, ordinary male nurses 28, ordinary female nurses 36 for day and 4 and 5 respectively for night duty.

Those certificated or registered as mental nurses are: 17 males and 10 females, and 7 of the former and 2 of the latter have passed preliminary examination.

I was very well pleased with my visit to this Hospital, where so much has been and is being effected for the well-being of the patients.

Dr. Robinson is assisted by Dr. Navarra, the Deputy Superintendent, and Dr. Edward Anderson.

S. J. FRASER MACLEOD,

*Commissioner of the Board of Control.*

# CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dr.

Receipts and Payments Account for year ended 31st December, 1926.

Cr.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in hand 1st January, 1926				366	11	9			
„ Cash Received for the Maintenance of Patients, chargeable to—									
The City of London Union	8,946	18	5				7,803	16	7
Corporation of the City of London	4,155	16	0				5,103	10	4
Sundry Unions and Parishes	5,972	7	4				13,832	19	8
„ Cash Received on account of—				19,075	1	9	1,690	13	6
Private Patients	37,028	5	8				21,293	11	4
Voluntary Boarders	1,904	1	4				1,986	17	6
Private Patients' Petty Account	4,978	8	4				765	2	11
Voluntary Boarders' do.	153	0	8				45	18	5
„ Interest on Private Patients' Deposit Account	108	7	2						
„ Sundry Sales	423	0	3						
„ Rent of Cottages	833	2	6						
„ Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909	123	13	2						
„ Transfer from County Rate Account				45,556	19	1			
„ Balance due to Treasurer				6,500	0	0			
				5,346	17	2			
				<u>£76,845</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>			
By Cash paid for—									
Provisions									
Farm									
House and Other Expenses									
Clothing									
Salaries and Wages									
Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909									
Medicine, Surgical Appliances, etc.									
Incidentals									
„ Private Patients' Petty Accounts to be repaid									
„ Repairs									
„ Balance at 31st December, 1926, in hands of—									
Clerk of the Hospital							315	5	9
Medical Superintendent's Account							1,158	6	6
							<u>1,473</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>3</u>
							<u>£76,845</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

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We have examined the above Account with the books and Vouchers kept by the Clerk at the Hospital and hereby certify it to be in accordance therewith. The Payments made by the Treasurer have been duly Incorporated therein.

LONDON: 48, Copthall Avenue, E.C.2.

23rd February, 1927.

CASH, STONE & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

# CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dr.

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

Cr.

INCOME.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Maintenance of Inmates—							
From the Corporation of the City of London (County Rate Account) ...		4,283	16	0			
From the City of London Union ...		7,306	4	5			
From Unions and Parishes not contributing ...							
Less difference credited to Building & Repairs Fund between 28s. 6d. and 24s. 6d. per week paid by Unions and Parishes not contributing and Contract Cases ...							
		4,704	12	1			
Total Income received for Maintenance of Private and Voluntary Patients ...					16,294	12	6
Less amount transferred under 53 & 54 Vict., Cap. 5, Sec. 271 (2) ...		38,932	7	0			
Salaries and Wages 750 0 0							
Provisions ...							
House and other ...							
Expenses ...							
		5,000	0	0			
Less difference credited to Buildings & Repairs Fund between average rate charged during 1926 of £1 4s. 6d. per week and £2 2s. per week charged to Private Patients on £33,932 7s. ...							
		33,932	7	0			
		14,138	9	7			
					19,793	17	5
					36,088	9	11
.. Balance, being Expenditure in excess of Income for the year ended 31st December, 1926 ...					8,634	19	1
					£44,723	9	0

# CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dr.

Building and Repairs Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

Cr.

To Cash paid for—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Materials, Labour and Sundries	19,995	3	4				
Tithe, Rent, Rates, etc.	...	230	0	0			
Insurance	...	581	13	11			
.. Balance at Credit of Fund, 31st December, 1926	...				20,806	17	3
					10,570	19	9
By Balance at Credit of Fund, 31st December, 1925		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
.. Transfer of Surplus as per Income & Expenditure A/c.—					413	13	0
From Contract Cases	...				14,138	9	7
From Private Patients	...						
.. Cash Received for Rent of Cottages							
.. Transfer from County Rate A/c.					14,552	2	7
					833	2	6
					6,500	0	0

£31,377 17 0

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We have examined the above Accounts with the Books and Vouchers kept by the Clerk at the Hospital and hereby certify it to be in accordance therewith.

LONDON: 48, Cophall Avenue, E.C. 2.

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# THE CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Detailed Statement of Payments for the Year ended  
31st December, 1926.

						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	<i>Provisions.</i>										
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	1,494	13	10			
Preserved Meat	...	...	...	...	...	291	18	0			
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	280	12	7			
Bacon, Butter & Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	3,578	19	2			
Tea, Coffee & Cocoa	...	...	...	...	...	659	17	4			
Flour	...	...	...	...	...	1,316	15	6			
Yeast	...	...	...	...	...	39	18	5			
Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	141	1	9			
									7,803	16	7
FARM	...	...	...	...	...				5,103	10	4
	<i>House and other Expenses.</i>										
Coal & Coke	...	...	...	...	...	4,172	5	4			
Gas	...	...	...	...	...	359	12	10			
Soap	...	...	...	...	...	416	12	7			
Brooms & Brushes	...	...	...	...	...	60	10	2			
Earthenware & Glass	...	...	...	...	...	303	13	2			
Bedding & Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	2,179	15	9			
Stationery & Printing	...	...	...	...	...	658	10	2			
Books & Periodicals	...	...	...	...	...	98	19	6			
Sundries & Household Necessaries, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	747	11	8			
Ironmongery	...	...	...	...	...	136	19	7			
Travelling Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	28	15	10			
Postages and Telegrams	...	...	...	...	...	260	9	7			
Garden Expenses	...	...	...	...	...	133	11	8			
Carriage of Goods	...	...	...	...	...	12	15	5			
Turps and Floor Polish	...	...	...	...	...	87	19	3			
Carried forward	...					£9,658	2	6	£12,907	6	11

					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
	<i>Brought forward</i>	...			£9,658	2	6	£12,907	6	11
Audit Fee	...	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	...	...	...	...	2,747	5	11			
Tobacco	...	...	...	...	422	14	7			
Oils	...	...	...	...	634	18	8			
Amusement Grant	...	...	...	...	100	0	0			
Legal Expenses	...	...	...	...	31	4	0			
Rent	...	...	...	...	308	16	0			
Tuning Organ	...	...	...	...	6	0	0			
Library	...	...	...	...	1	0	0			
Billiard Cloth	...	...	...	...	9	15	0			
Typewriter	...	...	...	...	19	0	0			
Billiard Table	...	...	...	...	22	3	0			
Duplicator	...	...	...	...	22	0	0			
					14,082	19	8			
<i>Less Rent Received</i>	...	...	...	...	250	0	0			
								13,832	19	8

*Clothing.*

Patients	...	...	...	...	1,220	7	5			
Nurses	...	...	...	...	470	6	1			
								1,690	13	6

*Salaries and Wages.*

Officers' Salaries	...	...	...	...	5,071	0	7			
Nurses' Wages	...	...	...	...	11,123	8	2			
Workmen's Wages	...	...	...	...	5,099	2	7			
								21,293	11	4

*Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909.*

Payments under the Act	...	...	...	...				1,986	17	6
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*Medicines.*

Drugs	...	...	...	...	655	3	11			
Medical Extras, Wines, etc.	...	...	...	...	110	19	0			
								766	2	11

*Incidentals.*

Sundries	...	...	...	...				45	18	5
<i>Carried forward</i>	...							£52,523	10	3

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
<i>Brought forward</i>	...				£52,523	10	3

### Building Repairs.

Labour	...	...	...	...	8,576	2	11
Timber	...	...	...	...	454	14	10
Bricks, Cement, etc.	...	...	...	...	380	17	2
Builders' Materials, etc.	...	...	...	...	400	6	10
Iron and Ironmongery	...	...	...	...	226	2	1
Painting Materials	...	...	...	...	214	7	4
Assurances	...	...	...	...	581	13	11
Engineers' Materials	...	...	...	...	1,437	10	5
Electrical Requisites	...	...	...	...	447	1	11
Fire Appliances	...	...	...	...	51	4	7
Glass	...	...	...	...	61	19	8
Sanitary Goods	...	...	...	...	165	2	6
Rents, Rates and Taxes	...	...	...	...	230	0	0
Surveyors' Fees	...	...	...	...	49	10	10
Legal Expenses	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Water	...	...	...	...	21	9	0
Petrol	...	...	...	...	190	14	7
Plastering New Building	...	...	...	...	41	4	7
Radiators	...	...	...	...	92	15	0
X-ray Appliances	...	...	...	...	375	13	1
Ultra Violet Ray Appliances	...	...	...	...	38	3	6
New Buildings Contract	...	...	...	...	6,500	0	0
Water Softening	...	...	...	...	29	17	0
Farm Cottages	...	...	...	...	150	5	0
Laboratory Requisites	...	...	...	...	60	10	5
Fish Fryers	...	...	...	...	60	0	0
Water Rate and Examination of Well Water	...	...	...	...	59	17	7
					£20,897	4	9
Less Sales	...	...	...	...	90	7	6
						20,806	17     3
						£73,330	7     6

## CITY OF LONDON MENTAL HOSPITAL.

Dr.

Benevolent Fund for the year ended 31st December, 1926.

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To Balance in hands of Treasurer, 31st December, 1925	£	s.	d.
" Dividends received, without deduction of Tax, during 1926, on £242 15s. 5 per cent. War Loan, 1929/47	273	17	4
" Grant from City Cash for the year 1926 ... ..	12	2	8
	50	0	0

By Disbursements in respect of	£	s.	d.
Patients	65	0	0
" Contribution to Mental After Care Association	5	5	0
" Balance in hands of Treasurer, 31st December, 1926	265	15	0

£336    0    0

We have examined the above Account with the Books and Vouchers of the Fund, and certify that it agrees therewith.

LONDON: 48, Copthall Avenue, E.C. 2.

CASH, STONE & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

**SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT**

BY THE

*MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.**January, 1927.**To the Visiting Committee of the**City of London Mental Hospital.*

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the following report for the year 1926:—

**ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS.**

The number of cases admitted for treatment was 104.

Of this number 66 patients were admitted under certificate. The remaining 38 patients were received at the hospital without having been certified.

Of the 66 certified cases, 43 were direct admissions.

74 patients have been discharged, and of these 12 belonged to the non-certified class.

The recovery rate for direct certified admissions was 55.8%.

30 patients have died. Of these, 5 belonged to the non-certified class, so that the death rate in respect to certified patients has been 4.16%.

## PRIVATE PATIENTS.

The number of Private Patients under treatment has steadily increased, and 70% of all admissions belonged to this class.

On December 31st, 1926, there were on the books the names of 371 Private Patients, of which 29 were patients receiving treatment without having been certified.

## RATE-AIDED PATIENTS.

There has been a diminution in the number of Rate-aided Patients, and on December 31st, 1926, the number on the books was 248 compared with 258 at the same period for 1925.

## GENERAL MATTERS.

The patients in the Hospital have remained very free from serious illness; the death rate has been low, and there has been no case of infectious disease.

The Operating Theatre, Dental Surgery, X-ray Room and Pathological Laboratory have been completed and equipped, and are now in use. Ultra-violet ray treatment is carried out daily.

Newstone House has been completed and furnished, and accommodates admirably female patients whose conduct and habits are such as to interfere with the comfort of others.

Truscott House, likewise, has been completed and occupied. It contains excellent private rooms for female patients, as well as bed rooms for the staff, and a small hospital for sick-nurses.

The old isolation hospital has been renovated and suitably furnished. It is occupied by ex-Service patients sent for treatment without certification, and private male patients who have parole. To this section the name Bow Arrow Villa has been given.

In the circular corridor adjoining the female hospital ward, four rooms for the accommodation of Private Patients have been built. They have been suitably equipped and furnished.

The recreations, amusements and employment of the patients have received great attention.

The usual garden, house and ward parties, motor drives, picnics and dances have taken place and have been much appreciated.

The cinematograph performances and the concerts provided by members of the staff have continued to be very popular.

Further wireless sets have been installed, and have been greatly enjoyed.

The Sports Association has continued to control and excellently organise the recreations and amusements of the members of the staff.

The Church Services have been bright and devotional. They have been well attended, and have been much

appreciated, not only by the patients and members of the Hospital staff, but also by a considerable number of local residents, who freely have availed themselves of the privilege of attending the Hospital Church.

The Choir has rendered excellent music, and the Sacred Concerts proved very popular.

### THE SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

THE FARM.—The weather has been most favourable and all the crops have been above the average, with the exception of the apple crop, which was a failure.

The live stock has had a very good year, and sickness has been rare.

The pedigree herd of middle white pigs has had a most successful period, prizes have been very numerous, and at the Smithfield Show the Reserve Championship fell to a member of the herd.

The sheep have done exceptionally well, and a record sale for fat lambs at Easter, 1926, has to be recorded, as also is the fact that numerous successes were obtained at the Smithfield and other shows.

The supply of milk has remained up to the average. The dairy herd has continued to be maintained by heifers bred on the farm, so that not a single cow nor heifer has been purchased.

The poultry have done well, and a good supply of eggs has been forthcoming.

The farm has to be credited with producing all the mutton, pork, milk, eggs, poultry and vegetables required for the needs of the Hospital.

#### WORKS, ENGINEERING AND GARDEN DEPARTMENTS :—

Ward 5 for male patients has been re-decorated throughout. In addition, in the same ward minor alterations have been carried out, so that it has better store room accommodation. A quiet room, a modern scullery, and a serving room have also been provided.

Ward 6 for male patients has been re-conditioned. Suitable store room accommodation has been provided. A new heating system has been installed. The corridor leading to the ward has had the stone pavement removed, and red tiles have been substituted.

Ward 1 for male patients has been re-painted. Minor alterations have been carried out, amongst which are the provision of a suitable clinical room and a properly-equipped boot room.

Part of the verandah in relation to the male hospital has been partitioned off, and has been properly equipped for the treatment of cases suffering from General Paralysis of the Insane by inoculation with Malaria.

The surgery has been re-decorated. All the shelves have been lined with lead, and a new sink has been fixed in position.

In ward 3 for female patients, a single room has been re-constructed and fitted up as a bath room. A range of four additional lavatory basins has also been installed.

In ward 4 for female patients, a new store room has been completed, and a partition has been erected between this ward and the circular corridor leading to the female infirmary.

Hill House has been completely painted outside. The drive leading thereto has been greatly improved.

In the dining hall a partition has been erected, which encloses the hot plates and which greatly increases the comfort and appearance of this part of the Hospital.

Ward 1 for female patients has been completely re-decorated, and a new system of heating has been installed.

In the female hospital one of the large dormitories has been re-painted.

In the kitchen a large fish fryer has been erected.

In the laundry an extra tank for dealing with foul clothing has been installed. Two lavatory basins have also been fixed.

In the Engineer's department a suitable store room has been designed and completed, a fitter's shop enlarged and re-constructed, and many of the roofs cleaned and re-painted. The bath room and lavatory for the use of the artisans has been re-designed and a fresh entrance provided.

The question of the disposal of the Hospital sewerage has received attention, and the main outfall has been connected to the Council's Sewer,

All cottages (the property of the Hospital) have likewise been connected to the main sewer. At the Welsh Tavern cottages five water closets have been built.

At the home farm several new wooden sheds for the accommodation of the pigs have been constructed, and a water main has been laid to the same. A new barn has been erected. The whole of the farm buildings have been re-painted outside. Additional water storage has been provided. The roads at the home farm have been re-made and tarred.

A large amount of concrete fencing has been made and erected in several positions, including Hill House, Bow Arrow Villa, football field, kitchen garden, farmyard, and Hospital gardens.

Suitable wooden fences have been erected in the neighbourhood of the laundry ward and Newstone House, and gardens have been designed.

At the present time very numerous alterations and additions are being carried out in the various above-mentioned departments.

**THE STAFF.**—It is very satisfactory to record that all members of the staff have performed their duties in a willing and efficient manner.

Many letters of thanks and gratitude have been received from the friends of patients and from ladies and gentlemen who have received treatment in the Hospital.

During the period under review, Nurses Rose Lilian Kemp, Edith Ann Quinn, Ernest Newsome, and Michael Whitty, have passed the final examination in Mental Nurs-

ing, and have obtained the Certificate granted by the Royal Medico Psychological Association. In addition, each has been personally presented by the Committee of Visitors with a silver medal, the receipt of which has given enormous satisfaction. Nurses Kathleen Jane Eldridge, Elsie Freckingham, and Kathleen Lucy Reynolds, have passed the preliminary examination in Mental Nursing. Lectures and classes preparing candidates for the above examinations have been conducted by Dr. Navarra and Dr. Anderson, and by the Matron (Miss Williams).

THE OFFICERS.—To my deputy, Dr. N. Navarra, I extend my sincere thanks for the very great assistance which he has rendered. His loyalty has been unfailing, and his knowledge of the Hospital and the patients has been most useful.

Dr. Anderson continues to carry out his duties in a highly efficient manner. In addition he shows a keen interest in laboratory work, and at present he is actively engaged in an original work relating to the variability of certain constituents of the blood in cases suffering from mental disease.

Dr. F. W. Thurnan and Dr. J. A. Small have acted as temporary Medical Officers.

The Matron has continued to control her department with her usual energy, tact and skill. She has received very able assistance from the Deputy Matron, and I think that both should be congratulated on the success which has attended their endeavours.

To Mr. Gower, the Chief Male Nurse, credit is due for the progress made on the male side.

All other officers and heads of departments have loyally co-operated with each other and with myself, and they have

been of great assistance to me in the administration of the Hospital.

A Sister Tutor has been added to the female nursing staff, and she should prove most useful.

It gives me pleasure to record that the Committee have appointed Mr. Malcolm Donaldson, F.R.C.S., to be consulting Gynaecologist, and Dr. J. B. Jobson to be consulting Aurist.

In conclusion, in the names of myself and all members of staff, I beg to thank the Chairman and members of the Visiting Committee for their expert advice, kindly interest and sympathetic help.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. ROBINSON, M.D., D.P.M.,

*Medical Superintendent.*



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