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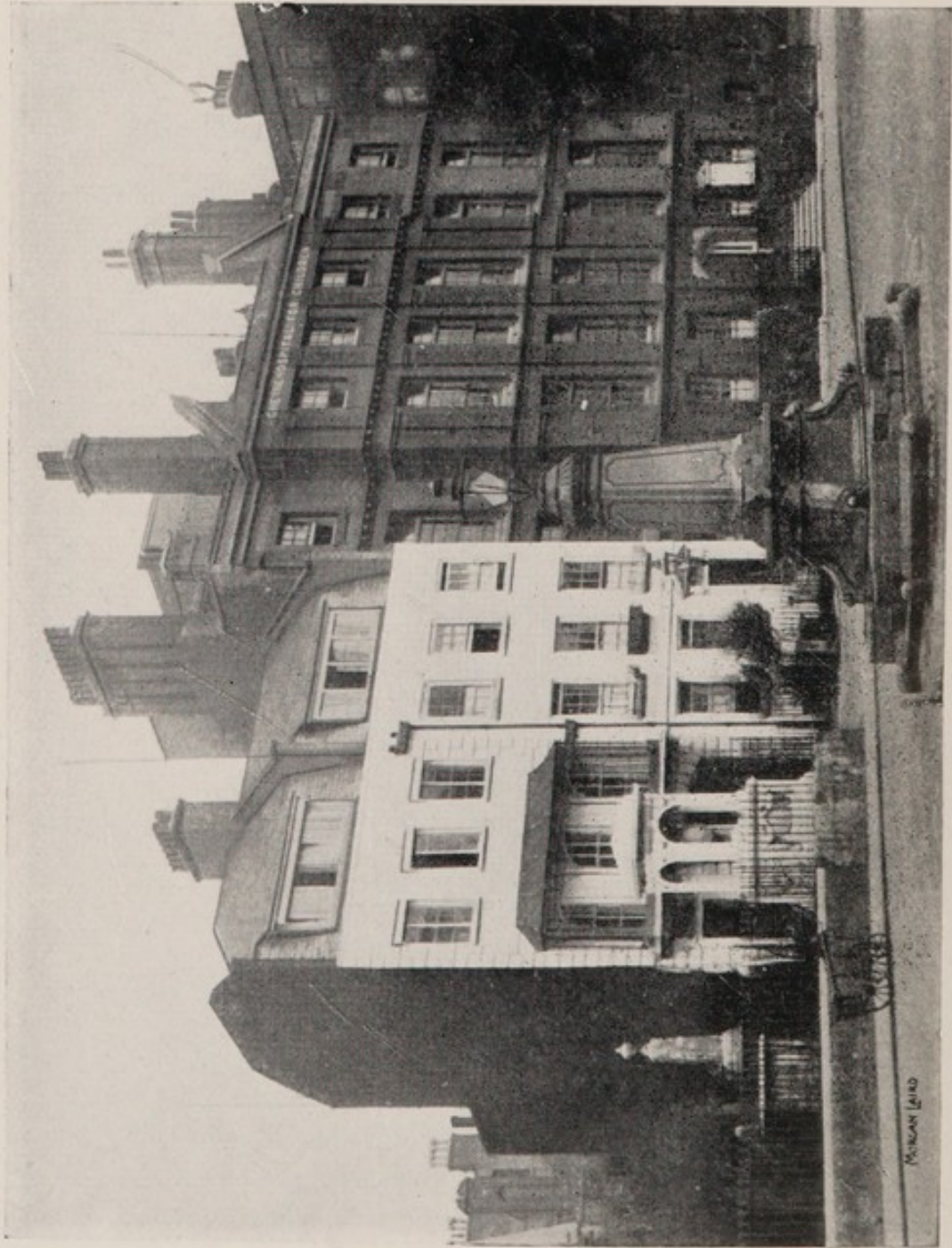


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CHEYNE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

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CHEYNE HOSPITAL for CHILDREN CHELSEA.

AMONGST the many and varied forms of hospital work, none is perhaps so far-reaching in its beneficial effects and more worthy of the fullest measure of success than that of efforts in the interests of suffering childhood. In the "Little Hospital by the River," the **Cheyne Hospital for Children** in Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, the children treated are those suffering from diseases which are of necessity debarred at General Hospitals owing to the lengthy period of treatment required. In this respect the work of the Cheyne Hospital begins where that of the General Hospital ceases, but so successful has this work become that the word "Incurable" has been deleted from the title of the Hospital, where it once appeared.

That this alteration has been amply justified is evidenced by the fact that **over 85 per cent. of the 3,100 little patients treated have been discharged from the Hospital in a cured or relieved condition.**

Cases such as those of diseases of the hip and spine, heart trouble and chorea, which are quite unsuited to treatment in the patients' own homes, are received, and this delightful Hospital has, in its saving grace, actually effected a complete cure in some cases and certainly greatly alleviated suffering in many others. There are few similar institutions in London, though indeed, its activities are by no means restricted to the Metropolitan area, as children have been received from localities as widely apart as the North of Scotland, Jersey, and the West of England, to find here a haven of rest in their helplessness.

At the **Branch Hospital**, too, at **St. Nicholas-at-Wade**, near **Birchington** in Kent, where there are 33 beds, the children are enabled still further to be benefited by the advantages of the bracing Thanet air and the ozone-laden breezes of the seaside.



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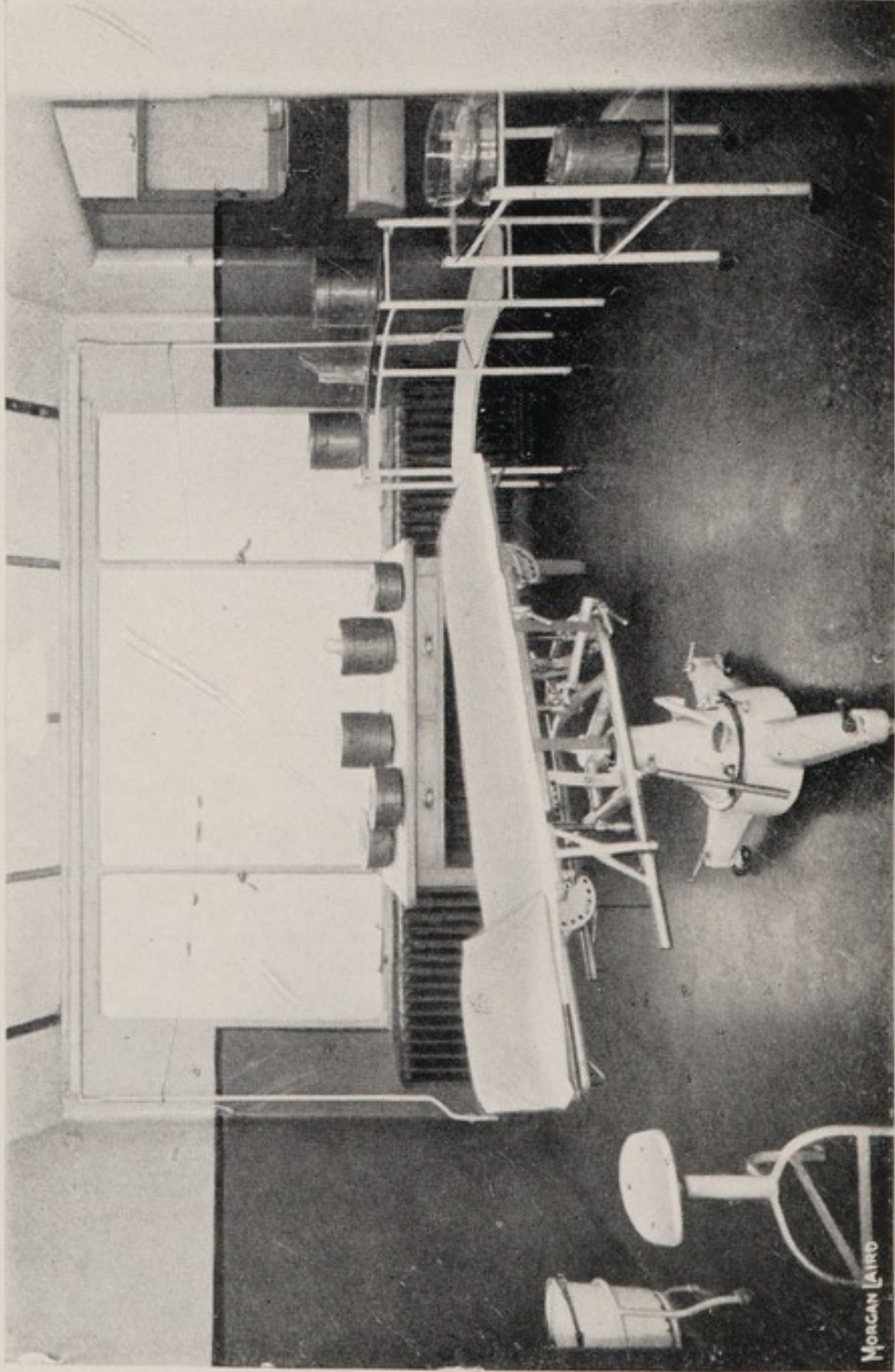
The inception of the Hospital was largely due to the generous impulses of Mr. Wickham Flower and his wife so far back as 1874, and in the year following the Hospital was definitely established at 46, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea. **The original accommodation provided for four patients only**, but by 1876 sufficiently generous support had been accorded the scheme to enable the adjoining house to be taken, and to necessitate the appointment of the first Committee of Management. The results achieved in the early years realised all expectations and the institution gained an ever-increasing number of loyal friends, with the result that in 1886 the purchase of three further houses in Cheyne Walk was justified.

The work of the Institution continued to be crowned with such success that constant need for development and expansion was experienced, and in 1889 the present Hospital was completed. 50 beds were thereby made available, and it is interesting to note that before the year was out every one had been filled.

EXTENSIONS AND ADDITIONS.

A few years later, in 1891, some adjoining land in Lawrence Street, Chelsea, was bought for the purpose of extension. On this ground the **Isolation Annexe** or **Garden Ward** was built in 1897. Two further freehold houses were bought in Cheyne Walk in 1898 and 1900, one of which was eventually opened, after reconstruction, in 1908 to provide very much needed accommodation for the nursing staff.

The splendid success resulting from the trial of open-air treatment at the Branch Hospital at St. Nicholas-at-Wade was followed by the construction of a **Roof Ward** at the parent institution in 1923, with accommodation for 15 patients. In this year, too, a Special Department for **Artificial Light treatment** was established. Subsequent to this period the activities of the Hospital increased to so great an extent that



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THE OPERATION THEATRE

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further improvements and extensions were necessary, and in 1925 the Committee organised a Special Jubilee Appeal for £6,000 to cover the cost of these alterations and additions. The four Wards were provided with new floors laid in concrete and covered with linoleum, and the construction of two more open-air balconies was put in hand.

The existing Operation Theatre was also replaced by one designed according to the requirements of modern surgical science, and at a later date was equipped with a thoroughly up-to-date, and expensive, Operation Table.

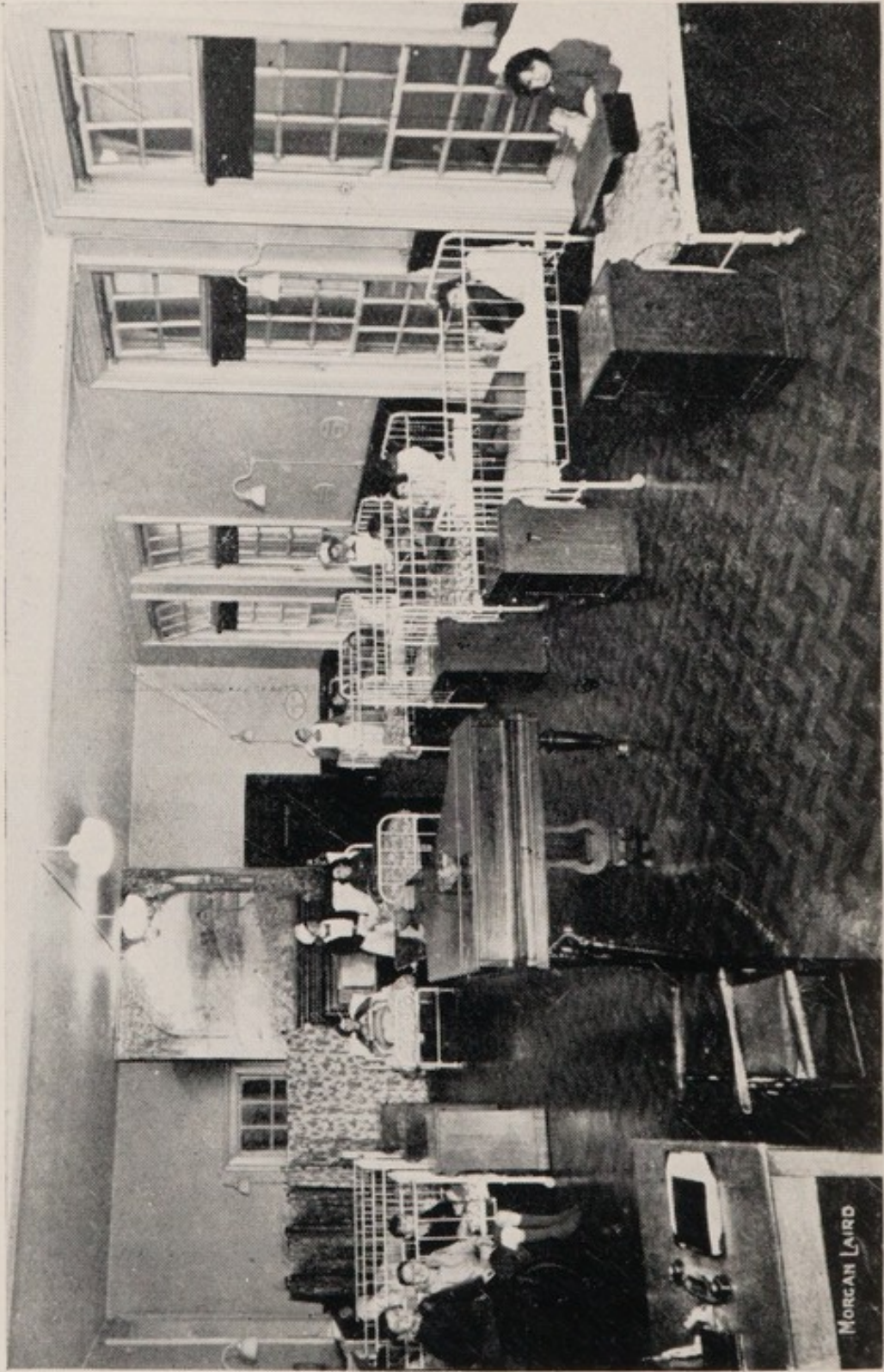
In 1930 an Anæsthetic Room was added at a cost of £400.

In the same year, a further stage in the development of the Hospital was reached by the establishment of a small **Private Ward** of 4 cots for the reception of children, who whilst not financially eligible for Free Treatment, could not afford expensive Nursing Home fees. This Department has, however, since been closed.

In 1933 a much-overdue improvement was effected by the taking-over of an adjoining house in order to provide better accommodation for the Nursing Staff. Even this addition, however, was insufficient to allow each Nurse the privacy of a room to herself and in 1938 the Committee decided to convert an adjacent Studio belonging to the Hospital as a Nurses Home at a cost of over £4,000. **At the time of writing, no current funds are available for this work, and an earnest Appeal is made to friends for financial help to meet the necessary expenditure.**

ACCOMMODATION AND EQUIPMENT.

The tall red building of the Hospital, near Chelsea Old Church and overlooking the shining river, is of outstanding appearance. It is a beautiful four-storeyed Dutch mansion with a pleasant exterior, and stands by leafy gardens. The interior is bright and attractive in its cheerful cleanliness, and its abundance of light and air.



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CLEMENTINE WARD

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65 cots are available, and the Special Departments include those for **Massage** and **Artificial Light Treatment**, in addition to the Open Air Treatment on the Roof Ward. A small charge of 7/- per week is made for treatment, except in necessitous cases for whom there is a limited number of Free Cots.

From the statistical point of view it may be noted that over 3,100 patients have been admitted since the Hospital opened, and of this number over 2,700 have been discharged in a cured or relieved condition. The average length of stay of each child is over six months and the average cost of maintenance is under £2 15s. od. per week—a tribute to the efficient and economical administration of the Hospital.

ADMINISTRATION.

The Hospital was honoured with the gracious Presidency of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra from 1875 until the time of her lamented death in 1925, and a similar honour has since been accorded by Her Majesty Queen Mary. The governing body of the Hospital is the Committee of Management of which the Earl of Cromer is Chairman and the Hospital is maintained with careful control of expenditure consistent with efficiency.

The supervision of the domestic arrangements of the Hospital is undertaken by a **Ladies' Committee** which was formed in 1926 for this purpose.

Supplies of Linen are received from **The Linen Guild**, and **The Cheyne Guild** provides gifts of clothing for the parent hospital. St. Nicholas Hospital is particularly fortunate in the provision of similar much needed articles by the **Needlework Guild** under the direction of Miss Hilda Laurie.

There is also a "**Godmother**" scheme, whereby a lady or gentleman can become interested in and visit a particular child.

The **nursing staff**, too, under the supervision of the Matron, by their personal efforts and genuine human sympathy have triumphed over suffering and sadness, replacing it by brightness and sweetness.

Particular care is given to the **education** of the children, and special training is regularly given in elementary subjects and handwork, under Board of Education Teachers, and many useful and attractive articles in leather work, woodwork, toys, etc., are made by the children.

It should be pointed out that owing to the length of treatment in many cases, changes of patients are slow, and it is not considered feasible to institute the system of Letters of Recommendation. There is no Out-Patient Department.

DONATIONS.

Until recent years the Hospital has been fortunate in the loyal support accorded it by many influential friends, and its maintenance funds, as well as those of the Branch Hospital at St. Nicholas-at-Wade, have been nobly assisted in times of need. The "Founder's Gift" and generous support of the Founder, Mr. Wickham Flower, and his wife, in the establishment of both Hospitals was of outstanding importance, and included amongst the **legacies** have been those received from the late Countess of Mexborough, Mrs. Edward Phillips, Mr. Asher Wertheimer, Miss Annie W. Harrison, Sir James Innes, Bart., Mr. H. C. Tetley, Sir J. Howard, Bart., Lady Florence Fermor-Hesketh, Mr. John Cory, Mr. W. B. Hextall, Mr. Henry Peech, Mrs. E. Simmonds, Mr. John Higgins, Mr. R. C. Collingdon, Sir Otto Beit, Mr. Horace H. Nelson, Sir Howard Frank, Mr. H. J. Selby, Mr. William Shepherd, and Mme. Sorreze. **Cots** have been generously **endowed** by Miss Alicia Leith, "J.M.P.", John Mackenzie Fairfax, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfrid Loder, the late Miss J. A. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lucas, the pupils of Mrs. Henry Wordsworth, the late Lawrence Harrison, Esq., Colonel and Mrs. L. Cary, the daughters of the late Mrs. Anne Fairfax, the late Miss Amy Fairfax, Leonard Harrison, Esq., Rotary Club of Chelsea, and Mrs. Skinner, whilst at St. Nicholas (Branch) Hospital, cots have been endowed by Mr. E. L. Ramsay and Colonel David Chapman.

A General Appeal

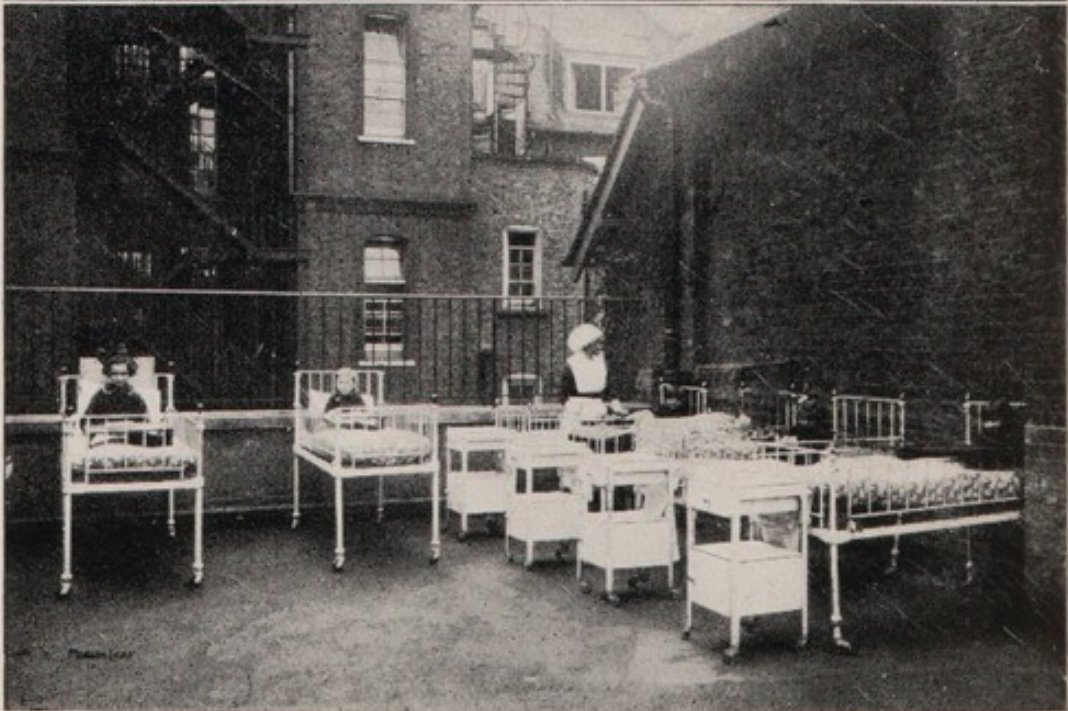
Neither Cheyne Hospital nor the Branch Hospital at St. Nicholas is, however, in receipt of sufficient regular income from voluntary sources, or endowments, to balance the annual expenditure—contrary to the impression which has existed in some quarters—and **they have to depend largely upon the maintenance of subscriptions, donations, etc.** Thus it can easily be understood that periods of anxiety occur to the management which are an embarrassment to the maintenance and progress of their special work for children. The Hospitals have not been lacking in support, but maintenance charges have increased so greatly owing to the necessity to keep abreast of the latest valuable developments of medical and surgical science, that the original sources of income are quite inadequate to meet modern needs. It may be mentioned that **the Income from Annual Subscriptions is under £700—less than £2 per day, whereas the cost of working the Hospital is over £17 per day, and it is sincerely hoped that a generous response will be made to this Appeal, and that the necessity for a considerably increased income from this source will be sympathetically recognised.**

It is hoped that not only will the basis of subscription be widened, by enlisting an ever-increasing body of loyal supporters, but also that the actual amounts of subscriptions and donations themselves will be augmented.

Any stoppage or curtailment of the splendid work of the Hospital should be unthinkable.

Surely in such a case as this, there is no need for "sob-stuff." Here are suffering little ones, whom your generosity can help back from pain to health. Is not that enough? We think it should be, and believe that it will prove so.

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Top: ONE OF THE WARDS
Below: A BALCONY

The BRANCH HOSPITAL of St. NICHOLAS,

ST. NICHOLAS AT WADE, BIRCHINGTON-ON-SEA, KENT.

AN important section of Hospital work is carried on at this valuable Branch, where the little patients are much benefited by the healthgiving advantages of the Thanet air. St. Nicholas Hospital was established in 1908, when a delightful old house, "The Grange," St. Nicholas-at-Wade, a village $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from Birchington-on-Sea, was purchased, and necessary alterations carried out the following year, including the addition of an annexe with two wards and a detached Isolation Building. **The Hospital was eventually opened in January, 1910,** and shortly afterwards every cot was taken up.

Some three years later a glass-roofed open cloister was constructed round the Lawn, and this has proved most useful for the treatment of the surgical tuberculous and other cases which are dealt with at St. Nicholas Hospital. (Cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis are not eligible.)

In 1926 a spacious Play Room was added, and the Hospital was completed in 1932 when a fine new Ward—named "The Laurie Ward" in grateful appreciation of valuable help and interest given by The Misses Laurie of Canterbury—was built.

"The Flower Ward," of 8 cots, commemorates the name of the generous Founders of Cheyne and St. Nicholas Hospitals.

33 Cots are available at the Hospital, which is picturesquely situated about a mile from the sea, and has a charming old walled garden.

It may be noted that of the 96 patients treated in 1937 57, or nearly 60 per cent., were discharged cured or relieved. The average length of stay of each patient is over six months, and the average cost about £1 12s. od. per week.

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