

GRACE HOSPITAL.

While in New Haven, Conn., recently we called on Dr. W. P. Baldwin, one of the foremost homoeopathic physicians of that city. The doctor is surgeon to Grace Hospital, the leading homoeopathic institution in the city and state, and kindly extended us an invitation to visit and inspect the hospital.

Grace Hospital is beautifully situated on Chapel Street, opposite Bears Street, in the residence portion of the city. The property, which was originally the Mallory mansion, consists of spacious grounds shaded by stately elms for which New Haven is famed, among which nestles the hospital, more like the home of some old family than a public institution.

We were fortunate in meeting at the entrance Miss Albaugh, the lady superintendent, to whose courtesy we owe the recollections of a very pleasant and instructive visit.

The mansion proper, of the old colonial style, is used chiefly for executive purposes, for which its large high ceilinged rooms are admirably suited. The contrast between this and the light, airy, extension comprising the modern hospital is pleasantly apparent.

The hospital has 50 beds, which are all too few for its needs. It has a substantial endowment, and has several endowed beds in the public wards in addition to numerous private rooms furnished by private generosity. It receives \$5,000 annually from the state and gets one half of the city cases, emergency ones included, for which the city pays at the rate of \$5 per week. There are two resident house physicians, lady superintendent and assistant, with a staff of 20 nurses. A new nurses' home is in process of erection across the street with greater accommodation than they now enjoy.

The cost of private rooms is from \$15 to \$30 per week, and they are in constant demand, being used for homoeopathic patients solely. The long corridors finished in Georgia pine, flanked by private rooms nearly all of them bearing the name of the donor on their door, lead to the public wards, beyond which lie the sun parlors, an innovation we were much interested in, and probably the most useful adjunct to the modern hospital.

The operating room on the third floor was a source of much pleasure, with its modern and complete equipment, and may we add also a source of envy that our own institution lacked much of what we saw in the shape of sterilizing apparatus, etc. We certainly would have liked to appropriate or annex the steam sterilizer and the up-to-date operating table. Space does not permit of description of the detail connected with the surgical department, which seemed lacking in nothing requisite. We were shown the commodious diet kitchens complete in their arrangements even to having an instructor or "dietitian" to teach the nurses. Private and public maternity cases are cared for in well appointed quarters, some of the private rooms looking especially neat and inviting. Isolation wards were also shown, admirably adapted for their purpose.

One of the most pleasing features about the institution which by the way impresses one as more of a home than a hospital: is that of the convalescent wards and use of the beautiful grounds for those patients who are well enough to leave their beds. The hospital management seems to want patients to get "real well" and uses their magnificent advantages to that end. The only objection we could see to this arrangement was that most of us would take a long time to get well under the circumstances.

The homoeopaths of New Haven are to be congratulated on having such a fine thoroughly up-to-date institution, and one which shows by its work that it is the equal of any, irrespective of schools or pathsies. Judging from appearances the patrons of homoeopathy in New Haven fully realize this, and rally nobly to the support of their hospital. We are very grateful to Miss Albaugh, the lady superintendent, and to Dr. Baldwin for giving us this opportunity to get some slight acquaintance with one of the cosiest and most home-like, yet up-to-date institutions it has been our good fortune to visit for some time.

SOME APPLICATIONS OF HOT WATER.

Headache almost always yields to the simultaneous application of hot water to the feet and back of the neck.

A towel folded, dipped in hot water, rung out rapidly and applied to the stomach acts like magic in cases of colic.

There is nothing that so promptly cuts short congestion of the lungs, so e throat or rheumatism as hot water when applied promptly and thoroughly.—Med. Mirror.