

Mansion, where living quarters for the Officers, Administrative Rooms and catering facilities were also arranged for.

The first patients, numbering 48, arrived on October 26, and in six months' time the number had increased to 400. By the 3rd of May, 1916, tents (70 in all) were pitched to accommodate 300, bringing the total capacity of the Hospital up to 700.

In July, 1916, twelve Huts were erected to replace the Tents, and in these 348 beds were placed, while dining rooms and kitchens were enlarged to accommodate 800.

The medical services of the Hospital have always been maintained at a high standard, and the Institution has been most fortunate at all times in having Medical Officers with very considerable scientific as well as practical experience, thus affording expert modern opinion along with conservative sympathetic action. It has always been the aim and desire of the staff to do everything possible to restore the Canadian casualties by medical care, comfortable housing, ample and satisfying diet, and contentment of mind, until the time should come either to return to duty or, if unfit for duty, to return to their friends in that Canada which they all love so well.

Patients, apart from medical treatment, have been encouraged to take ample exercise—the village of Wokingham, 2½ miles distant, being always in bounds to them. Much interest has been aroused by the

frequent meetings of the Garth Fox Hounds and Beagle Hounds, in and around the Estate, every facility being granted for patients to attend and follow the hunt, the Officers encouraging them by themselves participating.

Accommodation has been arranged on the ground floor of the Hospital for several beds for patients more or less below par who were benefited by full or part time confinement to bed. In February, 1916, Nursing Sisters of the C.A.M.C., four in number, were attached for duty, and wonderfully added to the efficiency of the Institution, and, through their sympathy and personal interest, added very considerably also to the happiness of the patients.

Physical instructors were detailed for the purpose of giving exercise, under the direction of Medical Officers, to suitable cases, with varying degrees of severity; and soon workshops were opened for carpenters' work, upholstering, and cobbling. Many nervous states have improved wonderfully under these different forms of manual and mental occupation.

Discipline has been found here, as elsewhere, to be a most necessary and important adjunct to treatment and satisfactory progress. "Once a soldier, always a soldier," is a very true maxim. It is a certainty that kindness, which assumes to carry with it conventionality of a civilian nature, tends



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