

PRIZE ESSAY FOR THE ERECTION OF A SANATORIUM, IN ENGLAND, FOR TUBERCULOSIS.

His Majesty the King has graciously consented to direct that the expenditure of a large sum of money which has been placed at his disposal for charitable or utilitarian purposes, shall be devoted to the erection in England of a Sanatorium for tuberculous patients.

His Majesty has appointed the following gentlemen as an Advisory Committee for this purpose:

Sir William Broadbent, Bart., K.C.V.O.

Sir Richard Douglas Powell, Bart., K.C.V.O.

Sir Francis Laking, K.C.V.O.

Sir Felix Semon.

Sir Hermann Weber.

Dr. C. Theodore Williams.

It is intended to construct the Sanatorium on the best lines which past experience and original thought can suggest, and in order to obtain the most valuable opinion His Majesty has been pleased to approve that a sum of £800 be awarded in prizes for the best essays and plans which may be sent in to the Advisory Committee, under the following conditions :

1. Medical men of all nationalities may compete. The papers may either be the work of a medical man, or the joint production of a medical man and an architect.

2. The Sanatorium is intended for 100 tuberculous patients—50 male and 50 female.

3. Of the total number of beds, 88 will be assigned to the more necessitous cases, whilst 12 will be reserved for the well-to-do.

4. The accommodation for all patients is to be comfortable, a separate room being provided for each. Superior arrangements to be made for the more wealthy patients.

5. It may be taken for granted that the Sanatorium will be erected on an elevated and sloping site with a sunny exposure and well sheltered from cold winds. It will have a farm at a convenient distance, and be surrounded by extensive grounds, well wooded, and affording ample space for exercises of various kinds. The soil will be dry and permeable, and the water supply abundant.

6. The Sanatorium must be fitted with the latest sanitary arrangements, and equipped with all requirements for scientific research. Provision should also be made for the recreation of the patients.

7. Economy in construction will be an important consideration, but it must not interfere with the reasonable comfort of the patients or the efficiency of the institution.

8. The essays must be in English and type-written.