

Laboratories.

I have found it rather difficult to outline what laboratories, such a block as you have mentioned, would accommodate. As I remember Ward K, it was rather irregular in outline, but contained about 26 rooms of different sizes, not counting bath-rooms, etc. I have, therefore, taken up each section separately and allocated what I think is the minimum amount of space that would serve the purpose. In various directions, they could with advantage be considered only if a plan of the area available were before one. If it were possible that you could send me such a plan, I would be delighted to make suggestions as to how in my opinion it might be used to the best advantage. You will notice that the total area for the laboratories mentioned amounts to 6,288 square feet - to my mind an absolute minimum. This does not allow for wards, partitions, corridors, and the ordinary sanitary conveniences. These latter I gather could be quite easily provided by making use of existing facilities.

If possible a suite of rooms should be available for neurological and psychological examinations. There must be also considered the question of acute and chronic infections which need investigation. Would it be better that this should be done in the clinical laboratories or in the Pathological Institute? It would mean a room or rooms equipped with bacteriological and immunological apparatus. This could, I think, await development.

There are two other matters of prime importance -