

All plumbing and heating fixtures are of latest hospital design, being very accessible to cleaning, or are absolutely dustproof, being tiled in. All walls and ceilings are enamelled over with cement; the floors are of polished cement, painted, with levels favoring drainage to central sewer traps; thus wards can be flushed out with hose and running water. All angles and corners are eliminated and no ledges have been permitted. The windows, doors, and casings are flush with inside surface of wall; no panels have been allowed in doors. The windows are in three sections, a lower and upper fanlight, hinged at the lower edge, opening to the inside of the ward, with metal side sheets directing air currents to the ceiling, and making direct air currents upon patients impossible. The centre section of the window is laterally hinged, opening into the ward. Canvas blinds are placed on the outside of the windows. The surface are of glass provided for the wards makes them practically sun-rooms.

There are no air conduits in the building; it is steam heated, windows providing the entire source for ventilation. The outside walls are of solid brick; an air space of two inches intervenes between this and the inside lining of hollow four-inch tile. Plaster, with cement covering, is surfaced over the tile. The partitions are all of the same tile. The ceiling is of reinforced concrete, thus making the building practically fire-proof.

The diet kitchens are each provided with a sink, electric range and oven, refrigerator, and kitchen cabinet. It is a complete working kitchen, in which the nurse provides food for the patients and herself. An incinerator at either end of the building, outside, is provided for the nurse to convey all refuse accumulating from her ward and destroying the same. She has an independent unit hospital, requiring no assistance from without. She orders her own supplies, which are delivered direct to her ward, which is numbered. She is thus interested in her ward expenses, and can demonstrate by her good management her ability to cut down costs per capital per day. The principal items of upkeep are interest and sinking fund on cost of construction, capital account being \$18,000; salary per annum of first nurse, \$720; salary per annum of second nurse, \$600; salary per annum of fireman and caretaker, \$300; salary per annum of laundress, \$100.

The total number of hospital days last year were 600. This was a year extremely free of epidemics or even isolated cases of infectious diseases. This year it will be much heavier. The second nurse is placed on duty only when two cases differing in infection are quarantined at the same time. Her services at other times are utilized as a school nurse and for general health visiting; thus she more than repays the department for her salary. I find this service of the health department equal