

*Medical Staff Corps*), which would be national in its character, and beneficial to the promoters of Ambulance work throughout the country. Other objects of a more purely local character have been proposed; but, as an intimate friend of, and fellow-worker with, the late Colonel Duncan, I believe that there is no object in which he would have taken a greater interest, or which he would have exerted himself more heartily to promote, than the proposed School of Ambulance Instruction. I, therefore, earnestly recommend its adoption by all those who desire to do honour to this good man, and to hand down his memory in connection with the great work to which he devoted so many years of his life.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, EDMUND A. H. LECHMERE. Hanley Castle, Worcester, December 29."

A SOIREE was given recently to the Staff and Nurses of the Seamen's Hospital, at Greenwich, and many visitors were invited. The scene was a very bright and pretty one. The corridors were illuminated, and all the official rooms were utilised for various purposes—"Chats" being given in one by Dr. Doyle Glanville, Thought Reading in another by Mr. Capper, and in a third, recitations by Mr. Kirwan. A good orchestra of twenty-two performers played a selection of music. The Hospital has several local Dispensaries, and is about to establish a branch Hospital at the Royal Victoria and Albert Docks.

### OUR INSTITUTIONS:

#### A RECORD OF THEIR OBJECTS AND WORK.

CHURCH STRETTON PRIVATE ASYLUM,  
SHROPSHIRE,  
STRETTON HOUSE, CHURCH STRETTON.  
(ESTABLISHED 35 YEARS.)

THIS Institution is exclusively for the reception of gentlemen of the upper and middle classes. Its popularity and success must be attributed in a great measure to the open manner in which it is conducted; instead of being a place to be avoided, as Asylums were in times past, it is the resort of the better class families for recreation and amusement, and we are of opinion that the proprietor has taken a step in the right direction, and one that will still further command the confidence of the public, by providing accommodation for the friends of patients, who will thus have an opportunity of satisfying themselves as to the mode of treatment and the comforts afforded. The charges are moderate, being from a guinea per week upwards, according to the requirements of the patients.

Church Stretton is situated in the Highlands of Shropshire, amidst the most charming hill scenery, and has a very invigorating and bracing atmosphere.

One great object of this Institution is to find healthy and congenial occupation for its patients, and thus assist the skilled Medical treatment. Attached to the house is a large farm and extensive grounds. Patients amuse themselves with farming, gardening, riding, driving, cricket, tennis, and are encouraged to find diversion in every sort of amusement. Medical men and friends of patients are particularly invited to visit this Asylum, and form their own opinion on the treatment.

A speciality is made of the treatment of lunacy arising from, or complicated with, insobriety. To this class very particular attention is given.

Application should be made to the Superintendent, Mr. Campbell Hyslop. Medical Superintendent, Dr. Cecil A. B. Osburne.

The endeavour is to bring in home life to a greater extent than is usually found in Asylums. The inmates mix and associate with the proprietor's private circle in such a way as really to form a large family.

The majority of the patients have fixed occupations and interests, either on the farm, in the workshops, or the gardens.

The climate is extremely healthy, being six hundred feet above sea level.

The Commissioners' report, in referring to this establishment, states that the number of patients was seventy-three. Of these thirty-three were admitted during the year, including three re-admissions and three transfers from other Asylums. Of the total number thirty were discharged, including twenty recoveries, and eight relieved. This shows a percentage of 60.6 recoveries, and of 24.24 relieved. The latter items in the tabular statement are very gratifying, since it shows that no less than eighty-four out of every hundred patients admitted have returned benefited to their friends. Nor is this result exceptional as to the year 1874, since we find from the published returns before us that for the last seven years the average number discharged has been about the same high ratio, thus materially influencing the well-being of hundreds of the upper and middle classes of our land. As before stated the number of recoveries throughout England in 1874 was about 36 per cent., while the returns as to Church Stretton show a percentage of twenty-four in excess of that, exclusive of 24 per cent. relieved. Further, we find that out of the thirty-five provincial licensed houses of a similar character in England, the Church Stretton Private Asylum enjoys a popularity almost unique, since its

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