

BRANDYWINE SANITORIUM, WILMINGTON

The outstanding achievement of the Delaware Anti-Tuberculosis Society is the Brandywine Sanatorium located in the high and healthy country five miles west of Wilmington.

It is in this splendid institution that sufferers from tuberculosis in all its stages enjoy the care and treatment made possible by the untiring efforts of public-spirited men and women who have done everything possible to relieve their fellow men and women who have been stricken with this dread disease.

The Sanatorium is the only one in the State and has a capacity of 80 beds that are generally filled. There are six nurses and a total personnel of 24, including the Superintendent. Of the total number of patients now in the Sanatorium, about 60% are ex-service men from this State.

The main building is a handsome structure of brick and concrete, three stories high, and is surrounded on the southerly side by sleeping rooms and porches. It is thoroughly modern and fireproof and completely equipped with every facility for sanitation and the scientific treatment of those afflicted with tuberculosis. In addition to the main building, three sleeping shacks have been erected on the adjoining grounds. In front of the main building is a spacious lawn with plenty of shade trees, comfortable chairs, lawn swings, well-kept shrubbery and flowers.

The officers are Emily P. Bissell, President; Arthur L. Bailey, Vice-President; William P. White, Treasurer; S. H. Hurdle, M. D., Superintendent.

MILFORD EMERGENCY HOSPITAL, MILFORD.

Until five years ago, Milford, Delaware, enjoyed all the advantages of a prosperous community, with a single exception, and that was the absence of a hospital closer than Wilmington.

Situated in the centre of the finest agricultural section in the East, and known far and wide as a good business town of thriving mercantile establishments, fine churches, beautiful homes and a happy, contented population, Milford felt the need of a hospital.

The hospital is equipped with the finest apparatus obtainable for such work. It has a modern operating room with all the latest features of safety and efficiency, an X-ray laboratory and accommodations for thirty-five patients.

In order to give a greater service, arrangements are being completed for a home for the nurses outside the hospital and also for a maternity home. The hospital operates an ambulance and due to the fine system of concrete roads now being completed throughout Delaware, is able to give prompt and satisfactory service to most of the towns of Kent and Sussex Counties.

A number of prominent Wilmington and Philadelphia physicians and surgeons are on the staff and it is receiving the support of Kent and Sussex physicians.

During the fiscal year ending July 1, 1923, the hospital admitted 300 patients; had 161 operations and 28 births. Of the total patients, 180 were from Kent and 114 were from Sussex County.

The actual establishment of this fine institution in Milford is largely due to the efforts of Dr. Frank L. Grier who devoted unlimited time and effort to the enterprise and was the guiding spirit throughout. In recognition of his service in this respect, he was chosen President with the following administration: William C. Smith, Secretary; George H. Hall, Treasurer; Miss M. M. Green, R. N., Superintendent, and Miss McNatt, Office Secretary.

BEEBE HOSPITAL, LEWES.

The most important contribution to the welfare of a large proportion of the people of Sussex County, who in times past have suffered illness and in many instances death for lack of proper hospital treatment, is the establishment of the Beebe Hospital at Lewes, through the generosity and public spiritedness of Benjamin F. Shaw and his wife, Helen M. Shaw, of Wilmington, who by reason of their intimate personal acquaintance with the people of Sussex County and their annual residence at Rehoboth, in which resort they are keenly interested, saw the great need of an institution that would be able to relieve the suffering of men, women and children, regardless of creed or color.

In recognition of the splendid service performed by two local physicians, the hospital was named for Doctors Richard and James Beebe.

The institution is fully equipped in every particular, with operating room, X-ray, laboratory and maternity or delivery rooms. It has a capacity of 35 beds.

The hospital has been of inestimable value to the medical fraternity as well as the public and it is used largely by the people

of Sussex County. Prominent physicians and surgeons of Philadelphia, hold clinics every two weeks for the diagnosis and treatment of all diseases, and the people are quick to realize the benefit of hospital treatment.

SAINT FRANCIS HOSPITAL, WILMINGTON

The new Saint Francis Hospital which will be completed the early part of the coming year, will be a valuable addition to the present hospital facilities of Wilmington.

The hospital will be operated by the Sisters of St. Francis and will occupy the entire square bounded by Seventh and Eighth and Clayton and DuPont Streets. The location is one of the highest in the city and commands a beautiful view in all directions.

The main building will have accommodations for sixty patients, including both private rooms and wards. There will also be quarters for twelve Sisters, fourteen nurses, two internes, student nurses and all necessary help.

The plans provide for four additional buildings to be erected as required at some future time. They will be separate units, but connected with each other and with the main building by corridors.

The main building will have a frontage on Clayton Street of 175 feet and will be seventy-five feet from the building line. It will have a ground floor and three other floors. The west wing will contain a chapel and the entrance hall will be in the center with an elevator to the right and the principal staircase to the left.

On the ground floor will be found offices, receiving, waiting and examination rooms, a pharmacy, laboratory, X-ray room, Sisters' refectory and nurses' dining-room, as well as the laundry, storage, doctors' rooms, servants' quarters, kitchen, machine room and boiler room.

The first floor will be largely devoted to the patients, containing both private rooms and wards. A sun parlor will face the south. The chaplain's room, doctors' dining-room and community room will be on this floor. The second floor will also contain private rooms, wards and sun parlor. A chapel will cover the rear extension and the sterilizing, etherizing and operating rooms will be found on the north. The third floor which will cover only a part of the area of the main building will contain quarters for student nurses.

The Sisters of St. Francis are noted for their successful operation of hospitals throughout the United States and it has been announced that the institution will be open to anyone regardless of race or creed. The present operation calls for expenditure of over \$230,000 for building and land, of which \$100,000 and the furnishing of the hospital has been assumed by the Sisters themselves. The remaining \$130,000 was raised by a successful campaign held last March.

DELAWARE STATE HOSPITAL, FARNHURST.

The State of Delaware cares for its insane through the Delaware State Hospital at Farnhurst.

The institution was opened in 1889 and is maintained entirely by the State, by appropriations made by the Legislature biennially.

The value of the hospital property is placed at \$820,000 with a total acreage of land of 70 acres of which more than half are under cultivation. The institution requires the services of about 90 persons on the average and has over five hundred patients.

During the year 1922 the institution spent \$677,129 in the care of its patients and maintenance of the grounds and buildings.

The hospital is modern in every respect and under the care of Dr. Hancker is operated with a high degree of efficiency. The officers are Frederick H. Gawthrop, President; C. J. Prickett, M. D., Secretary; Rowland G. Paynter, M. D., Treasurer, and William H. Hancker, M. D., Superintendent.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY HOSPITAL, FARNHURST

The Trustees of the Poor of New Castle County are responsible for the care of the indigent citizens of the County.

The County Hospital at Farnhurst is in charge of James W. Foster, Superintendent. At the present time there are 145 inmates consisting of about 100 men and 45 women.

The hospital expends for maintenance over sixty thousand dollars annually and is supported by appropriations made by the Levy Court of New Castle County.

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1922, the value of the products grown on the farm connected with the institution was \$10,765, and the farm expenses \$1,580.

The inmates are required to perform such tasks as they are able to accomplish, no matter how small or unimportant the work may be and in this way the general health of the inmates is improved and the burden of upkeep and administration of the hospital materially lightened.