

The Normal Hospital

The faculty, students and graduates of the Normal School have worked and hoped for a Rest Cottage for the school for several years. Three thousand dollars had been collected for this purpose when war activities made any further work impossible.

The influenza epidemic made a hospital a necessity. When school opened after the first enforced vacation, it became evident that if work was to continue something would have to be done to isolate patients in the boarding houses.

On December 10, a comfortable, well furnished house at 145 South Twelfth Street, was rented, which with a small additional equipment was well adapted for a small hospital.

This house was kept by the school until February 28 and was always opened when needed. During this time

twenty-one influenza patients were cared for, all making a rapid and complete recovery.

Miss Sanderson, a graduate nurse from the Social Service Agency, generously gave her time as day nurse and a nurse for night duty was hired. Members of the faculty and a few graduates acted as aids under this expert direction.

The diet was in charge of the faculty of the domestic science department, who with many other members of the faculty gave their time making the prescribed diet taste and look as if prepared by celebrated French chefs.

Other members of the faculty and friends donated fruit, preserves, flowers and many other delicacies, and the daily surprises of Miss Rowell were always eagerly awaited and helped to pass the long hours.

The most generous donation was that of Dr. Bullock, who cheerfully gave of his time and skill to those who desired his services, in order that the hospital might be a success for this time and a reality in the near future.

The attic of the house was arranged as a convalescent ward and this was the goal of all, for it was one stage on the home road.

The culminating event of the December party was an attic tea purposely prolonged by the attendants while they arranged a Christmas surprise. This was a real Christmas party with a tree, lights and all that goes with the true Christmas spirit.

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