

ROYAL MASONIC HOSPITAL

RAVENS COURT PARK, LONDON, W.6

NOTES ON THE HOSPITAL'S WAR-TIME EFFORT.

At the outbreak of War a portion of the Hospital was offered to the War Office for patients serving in the Armed Forces. The first Service patient was received into the Hospital on the 11th September, 1939.

The number of beds has been temporarily increased by converting the very spacious 4-Bedded Wards into 6-Bedded Wards.

The number of cases from the three Fighting Services treated during the 4 years of War to 3rd September, 1943, has been 4,797.

Throughout that time the work for our Brethren in the Craft and for their wives and children has continued, and the number of Masonic patients received during the same period has been 3,148.

The dual work which the Masonic Hospital is carrying out in War time is naturally costing a very considerable amount of money. The nursing of Service cases is a gift to the Nation which will certainly redound to the credit of the good name of the Royal Masonic Hospital in the years to come.

The Board of Management have appealed to all Lodges and to all Brethren under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England to give their support to the Masonic Hospital to the utmost of their ability, without detriment to the claims of other Masonic Institutions and notwithstanding the difficulties of the times. They have asked to be left full discretion in the application of the money in the best interests of the Hospital and in whichever direction it may be most needed at the time.

All donations to the present Special Appeal count and accrue for qualifications and voting power.

Lodges and Brethren can help in this Special Appeal:

- (1) By qualifying as **Patron Lodges** (100 Guineas from Lodge Funds).
- (2) By qualifying to "name" a **Room** in the Nurses' Home (350 Guineas).
- (3) By promising an **Annual Donation** from Lodge Funds (see published List).
- (4) Brethren can assist by making **Annual Donations** to the Hospital under a Deed of Covenant by which the Hospital is able to recover Income Tax. These **Covenants** are for a minimum period of seven years. All such donations count and accrue to the credit of the Brother and to the Lodge on the List of which the donation is credited.
- (5) Brethren can qualify as **Life Governors** and for the **Commemorative Jewel** and as **Vice-Patrons** and **Patrons**. All donations given at any time and in any amount count and accrue for such qualifications. As soon as the donations of Brethren paid over to the Masonic Hospital amount to £10 10 0 they become entitled to the Commemorative Jewel.

Full particulars concerning these qualifications and on any point can be obtained from the Joint Honorary Secretaries of the Royal Masonic Hospital (R.W. Brothers Percy Still, P.G.W., and C. H. Thorpe, P.G.W.), at the above address.