

Worthing Gazette 1st December 1915 page 6**RED CROSS HOSPITAL AT CECILS.****Instructive Survey.****What Has Been Accomplished in
the First Year.**

A year ago to-day the Voluntary Aid Detachments now working at the Red Cross Hospital at Cecils were mobilised, and in three days the building was equipped and opened on December 4th with fourteen patients. Since then four hundred and seventy-four patients have been admitted, four hundred and thirty-eight have been discharged, two have died, and thirty-four remain.

Seventy-two operations have been performed, sixty-one requiring a general anaesthetic. All the equipment of the operating theatre has been given.

The X-Ray Equipment.

The Hospital has an X-ray plant, the property of a member of Sussex 35. Some forty-five photographs have been taken, whilst many have been

screened. Several local dentists have kindly performed extractions for patients where necessary, and a fully-qualified masseuse attends daily.

The dispensing is done in the Hospital by a fully-qualified lady Dispenser, who attends twice daily, and fits these times in between her regular work as Dispenser at the Civil Hospital.

In October Dr. Hinds, who had hitherto been on the Consulting Staff with Dr. Gostling and Dr. Good, kindly consented to take Dr. F. E. Smedley's place as Medical Officer. Dr. Ralph Smedley has joined the Royal Army Medical Corps, and his

County Health work is now taken over by his wife Dr. F. E. Smedley.

The two Lady Superintendents were trained in London Hospitals, one having held the post of Surgical Ward Sister at St. Mary's Hospital for eighteen years, the other being Surgical Ward Sister at the London Hospital for four years, and later Matron of the Bristol General Hospital. The Night Sister is supplied by the Red Cross Society Headquarters.

A Day Room for the patients is now in course of erection. It has been

A Great Want

for some time, and it will be ready for use in about three weeks' time. Sunday services will then be resumed. A piano has been given, and various Entertainments have already been arranged.

The Hospital was closed early in August for six weeks, during which time necessary distempering, cleaning, etc., took place. It was re-opened on October 4th to receive sick and wounded patients from Graylingwell War Hospital, to which it is now affiliated.

The Commandants take this opportunity of thanking all who have so kindly helped the Hospital in so many and various ways, several anonymously. Grateful thanks are also due to those who have provided so many motor drives and Entertainments for the patients.

As Christmas is near, the Staff of the Hospital will be most grateful for promises of Christmas fare and contributions towards presents for the patients, which should be sent direct to the Cecils, Manor-road.