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St. Anthony's Hospital

Its Record
of Service
and
Its Needs for
the
Future

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Showing St. Anthony's Hospital as it will be when the new south wing is constructed. This comprises all of that part of the building to the left of the main entrance and will provide among other things, about forty-five private rooms, a dormitory for nurses and sun parlor.



The late Herman Hulman, Sr. who founded St. Anthony's Hospital.

The Founding of St. Anthony's

St. Anthony's Hospital, as it exists today, is the successor to a very small hospital established on September 11, 1882, in a two-story brick building at Second and Mulberry Streets by Mrs. Herman Hulman, Sr. At that time the founder brought to Terre Haute two Sisters of Saint Francis and placed them in charge of this small institution.

There was at that time no hospital in the city, the Providence Hospital, founded by Chauncey Rose, having ceased to exist some time before. It was Mrs. Hulman's intention to develop this hospital, but when in the following year she was seized with a fatal illness, she asked her husband to continue the work which she had started.

In accordance with this wish, after her death, Herman Hulman, Sr., bought the building and grounds in South Sixth Street, which had formerly been occupied by Saint Agnes Hall, a female seminary.

On January 1, 1884, the building at Second and Mulberry Streets was abandoned and the new St. Anthony's Hospital was opened in this new location, as a memorial to Mrs. Hulman. At that time it had twenty-four private rooms and fifty-seven ward beds, and the same Sisters of Saint Francis were given charge of it.

Since that time various extensions and additions have been constructed. What is now the entrance and the main part of the building was erected in 1901. The north wing was built in 1908; in 1910 there was built an addition to the laundry, and in 1913 the chapel was constructed.

The hospital now has approximately one hundred and seventy-five beds, included in which are sixty private rooms, forty-five private ward beds and fifty-seven charity ward beds.

Between two thousand and twenty-five hundred patients are received into the hospital annually, of whom a very considerable number are charity patients.

The original staff of two Sisters has grown until there are now required to minister to these patients twenty-eight Sisters and twenty-two nurses.

The activities of the hospital have been of gradual growth and its development has been spread over a period of thirty-eight years. From a very modest beginning, its activities have been broadened until they embrace all of those functions usually appertaining to a first-class hospital and one conducted along the most approved lines.



A Corner of a Charity Ward

Where the Poor May Go

A not inconsiderable part of the activities of St. Anthony's Hospital pertain to the care of charity patients—that is, to those persons who are not able to pay hospital fees, doctor's fees and the like, and who yet are in urgent and pressing need of the attentions that people ordinarily receive at hospitals.

When this institution was founded thirty-seven years ago it was the expressed wish of the founder that the poor should have a place to go, and to receive the best available attention. That thought was repeatedly expressed by him, and of course was carried out in the first organization of the hospital and has been kept in mind ever since.

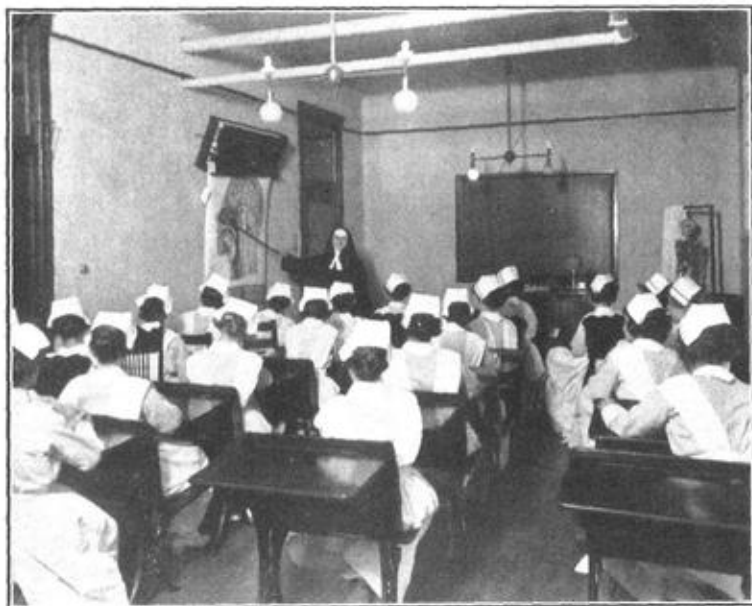
St. Anthony's Hospital started with fifty-seven charity beds and that number has been consistently maintained ever since. Fifty of these beds are for adults and seven of them are for children. They occupy seven airy and clean rooms, with ample space between each bed and ample air for all the patients.

These fifty-seven beds are usually pretty well occupied and the patients receive careful and diligent attention. Of approximately twenty-two hundred

patients passing through the hospital annually, between eight hundred and nine hundred of them are occupants of these charity beds, who receive attention as long as it may be needed.

The maintenance and care of these wards is one of the primary functions of St. Anthony's Hospital, not only because it was the wish of the founder that this should be the case, but also because it is the policy of those in charge of the institution also. The hospital, of course, receives a relatively small income for the maintenance of charity beds, the expense involved generally being borne by the revenues from other rooms and by the unselfish efforts of the doctors who compose the staff.

There are, however, a few sources of revenue, notably the allowances granted by the city and county, the former contributing \$300.00 per month and the latter \$100.00 per month. There are a few cases also where relatives or friends of the unfortunates brought to this ward make small payments for the use of the beds and the attention given the patient.



The Training School for Nurses

In response to the urgent request of the government, St. Anthony's Hospital established in January, 1918, a training school for nurses, and since the termination of the war this school has been continued as an integral part of the activities of the institution.

There were only four pupils at the outset, the first one having been sent there by Doctor Ulmer, but there are now twenty-one, and the first diplomas will be given in May of this year to seven who have completed the three year course.

This training school offers to young women, desirous of entering the profession of nursing, a three-year course of training, consisting of practical work in the wards, rooms and operating rooms, and theoretical work in class and lecture rooms, fulfilling all the requirements of the Indiana State Board of Registration and Examination of nurses and following the curriculum recommended by this board. This course also covers children's diseases.

Contagious diseases are not cared for in the hospital, but theoretical instruction is given on them, and further training may be secured if it is so desired. Special surgical training is given those who show adaptability for the work.

Great pains are taken to imbue the pupil nurses with a thorough appreciation of their grand calling, of their heavy responsibility and teach them to conduct themselves at all times towards doctors and patients in a conscientious and upright manner.

These pupils live at the hospital without any expense to themselves, and in addition to board, lodging and laundry, an allowance of \$5.00 per month is allowed each one, until the senior year, when each is allowed \$8.00 per month. This sum is to cover dress, text books and other school expenses, and is not intended as a remuneration for services rendered, as the training is deemed more than sufficient for this.