



A Section of the Children's Ward

## Organization and Equipment

In the matter of organization and equipment, St. Anthony's Hospital has for many years maintained a very high standard and this standard is being improved from year to year.

While its facilities have been severely taxed at times, it has been able to do its part in every emergency as well as to take care of the day to day ministrations that devolve on an institution of this character. Particularly in the matter of great disasters has it been of inestimable benefit to the community, serving in all such instances to the limit of its capacity.

An idea of this capacity may be obtained from a recital of the various departments which are grouped to form the hospital as a whole. We have already spoken of the charity wards and of the nurses training school.

In addition there is a children's ward of five beds which has been maintained for many years and where children up to six years of age are cared for with the exception of those having contagious diseases. Most of the patients in this ward are charity patients, but all re-

ceive the most careful attention and many advantages which are highly beneficial.

Other departments of the hospital include a ward for pay patients, both medical and surgical; a department for disease of the eye, ear, nose and throat; an obstetrical department; a surgical department; medical and X-ray departments, a laboratory for blood examination, etc.

All of these departments are thoroughly equipped and new equipment of the most modern design is being added from time to time with the idea of giving the very best service possible.

As a result of this thorough organization the hospital is capable of caring, in an emergency, for from twenty to fifty patients in addition to those patients who are arriving and leaving from day to day.

The growth of the community naturally adds to the demands upon the institution which is not always able to accommodate all who call upon it, but those who are received are recipients of the most careful and scientific ministrations.



Kitchen of the Class in Dietetics

## Dietetics and Kitchen Equipment

No hospital can be said to be properly equipped, or to be properly organized unless a great deal of regard has been had and a great deal of skill applied to the kitchens.

The matter of proper food has always been one of the chief concerns at St. Anthony's Hospital, and the food is prepared according to the most modern ideas in well equipped kitchens, and with the greatest skill. Various periods of convalescence require different foods as to quality and quantity, and this institution prepares those foods with meticulous care.

There are two kitchens at St. Anthony's Hospital, one of which, a comparatively small kitchen, is devoted to the use of the dietetics class, where the student nurses are given practical instruction in the proper food to feed to invalids at different stages. Here the students are not only told how to prepare this food, but get actual experience in its preparation. No modern kitchen appliance is omitted in the equipment of this room, which is in all respects up to date.

This work and class room for students is a duplicate on a small scale of the general kitchens which are quite large and just as completely equipped. In these general kitchens nearly all of the food for the patients is prepared as well as the food for the administrative and working force of the hospital, the only exception being that where a patient requires food, the preparation of which is out of the ordinary, it is especially prepared in the small, or class room kitchen.

The supervision of both these kitchens is very thorough, and it is in highly competent hands, with the result that all of the cooking is expertly done and suited to every particular need.

The class room kitchen is at present in a temporary location, but when the hospital has more space available, it is the intention to give it more room and make it of sufficient size to accommodate many more students than it does now.



## The Surgical Equipment

St. Anthony's Hospital takes no little pride in the equipment and organization of its surgical department.

It has every surgical facility that any hospital has and has a rating of the very highest class in this respect. It has been the policy of the institution to provide ample and suitable space for surgical use, and to buy whatever equipment is needed, and such new equipment as appears to be an improvement over something theretofore in use. It is felt and believed that no detail of surgical efficiency and thoroughness has been omitted, and this policy that has prevailed in the past will be continued in the future.

There are four operating rooms.

The emergency operating room is in the basement, and here accident cases are received and emergency operations performed. This room is equipped with portable electric lights, instrument cases, and a modern surgical table. Adjoining it is a sterilizing room where the instruments and bandages used in the emergency operating room are sterilized. Adjoining also is a re-

ceiving room where accident cases are taken immediately upon their arrival at the hospital, and before they are taken into the operating room.

The other three operating rooms are on the top floor, where there is also a dressing room, with lockers, for the surgeons, a parlor and waiting room for friends of the patient, and a room for large sterilizers, where the dressings and instruments are sterilized, supplies are kept, etc. This sterilizing room is distinctly modern and up to date.

On the north side of the hospital there are two large operating rooms, between which is the anesthetizing room. Swinging doors connect this with the operating rooms so that there is no noise whatever. These two operating rooms have sky lights and modern portable electric lights, and they are so constructed that they can be flushed and cleaned. These rooms are used for clean cases only.

There is a small operating room for infected cases facing the west. Between this and the room on the north is a room in which the physicians prepare themselves for an operation.



A Section of St. Anthony's Laboratory

## The Laboratory and Its Work

In modern medicine the laboratory is looked upon as chief aid to scientific diagnosis—it is an all-important department of any hospital that makes pretensions to work upon the latest scientific and most efficient lines.

The microscope for instance today plays a very important part and a much more important part than ever before in diagnosis. In this connection it is interesting to note that every patient entering St. Anthony's Hospital is given the benefit of scientific laboratory work.

The laboratory of St. Anthony's Hospital is located in the basement; is of ample size; has a complete equipment, and is attended by a competent staff of technicians. There they make examinations of the blood, and of the secretions and excretions of the body,

and do other work which a modern laboratory is called upon to do. It is considered one of the most important departments of the hospital.

Because of the importance attached to this work, plans are on foot and will very shortly be carried into execution for improving St. Anthony's laboratory very decidedly, with a view of making it second to none in the state, as far as facilities for doing the most modern scientific work are concerned. It will be equipped, in fact, to do everything required by modern scientific medicine.

This improvement is part of a general policy of making the hospital modern and complete in every particular, and affording every opportunity for giving to patients the very best attention, of which any hospital is capable.



The Nurses' Recreation Room, Showing Six of the Seven Nurses Who Will Graduate Next Month.

## Recreation Facilities

In addition to the private and charity wards, the operating rooms, the laboratory and the like, there are at St. Anthony's Hospital a certain number of recreation rooms, offices, and porches where the convalescent patients may take the sun. The space set apart for these purposes, however, is relatively small, and because of the demand for room for the patients, several offices and reception rooms have had to be closed pending the time when additional construction would provide more room.

In the new plans for the south wing for instance the entire south part of it will be devoted to sun parlors which shall be so arranged that in cases of emergency they can be converted into rooms but under ordinary conditions would provide cheerful and light places for convalescent patients and for those who administer and are employed at the hospital.

We have previously stated that the physicians and surgeons have an office and cloak room. The nurses have a very agreeable recreation room which is open every day until 9:30 o'clock at night. In this room there are comfortable chairs, a piano and a victrola and here the student nurses can study or play when they are not on duty, which is two hours each week day and three hours on Sunday. They are off duty at 7 o'clock every evening, unless they have classes or lectures, which take one hour.

Just across College street there is a tennis court for the use of the nurses and there is also a croquet ground on the hospital lawn.

There are seven porches, three of them being very large and four of them small, which are much used in fair weather, particularly by the patients.