

No historical or biographical article had reached us at the time of going to the press. We are reprinting the following brief reports from the Souvenir issue of our First Conference in 1962. Doctors at present working in these hospitals or those who know more and would elaborate on these sketches, please commit your knowledge to writing for publication in the future issues of JNMA.

KANTI HOSPITAL

Just on the northern fringe of the town and on the road to Budhanilkan the stands the newly constructed magnificent cream coloured building—The Kanti Hospital (named after Her Majesty The Senior Queen Mother)—which is bound to catch the eye of any passerby along this route. Sunlit and braced by a cool breeze from the North the hospital is located on a spacious lawn amidst green paddy-fields directly overlooking the blue mountains to its North and West. Originally presented as a gift to His Majesty The King during his historic tour of U.S.S.R. a few years ago the hospital is now nearly complete and is expected to be opened in near future. The hospital with its 50 beds (Twenty paediatric and the remainder general Medical and Surgical) is a modern and compact self sufficient unit and has its own pathological laboratory, dispensary, X'ray plant and a small outpatient clinic. The novel feature of the hospital is a physiotherapy department and a large most up-to-date operation theatre.

The hospital will be run jointly by a Russian team of doctors and the Nepalese doctors for two years after which the Nepalese staff on behalf of His Majesty's Government are expected to take over completely from their Russian counterparts. When the hospital goes into operation it is hoped that a substantial percentage of the present load on the Bir Hospital will be reduced while at the same time providing better medical facilities as yet normally unavailable to the people of the valley.

Paropakar Shree Panch Indra Rajya Laxmi Prashuti Greeha

This hospital was founded three years ago in the memory of the late Queen, Indra Rajya Laxmi. The land and the properties were acquired for the purpose by Paropakar, a voluntary organisation as donation from General Singha. The entire cost of the building was graciously donated by His Majesty. This hospital is situated at Thapathali and is exclusively meant for maternity cases and of late facilities for gynaecological cases have also been

made available to some extent. Though largely a maternity hospital it also intends to function partly as a child welfare centre in the very near future. Since the establishment of the hospital three years ago many additions are being effected. Residential quarter for the medical officers, nurses home and an independent outpatients department are being built. It has a bed strength of 46 and of these sixteen are entirely free beds and the remaining twenty four are paying beds of different categories. It can be expanded to accommodate a few more beds in case of necessity. This hospital also provides for ante-natal and post-natal care of the mothers regularly. This has proved quite popular with the general people here. The efficiency of the staff of the hospital, its central location and above all the services rendered to the expectant mothers in this hospital have contributed to the growing popularity of this hospital even in this short career. This hospital is now under the administrative control of a semi-government board.

Tribhuban Chandra Military Hospital

This hospital was founded to commemorate the Gorkha soldiers who died in the First World War. When it was established in the year 1919 A.D. it had a bed strength of fifty only and has since then been expanded into a hundred bed hospital. It is situated centrally and very near the Bir Hospital and as such some specialised facilities of the Bir Hospital are being made available for the patients of the Military Hospital easily. This is exclusively a male hospital and is meant for Royal Army personnel of all categories, police force, fire brigade, pioneer, garrisons etc. It provides all the surgical and the medical facilities as also outpatient service to the army personnel. The hospital campus is located amidst attractive greenery and also consists of residential quarters for the doctors and nursing personnel.

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