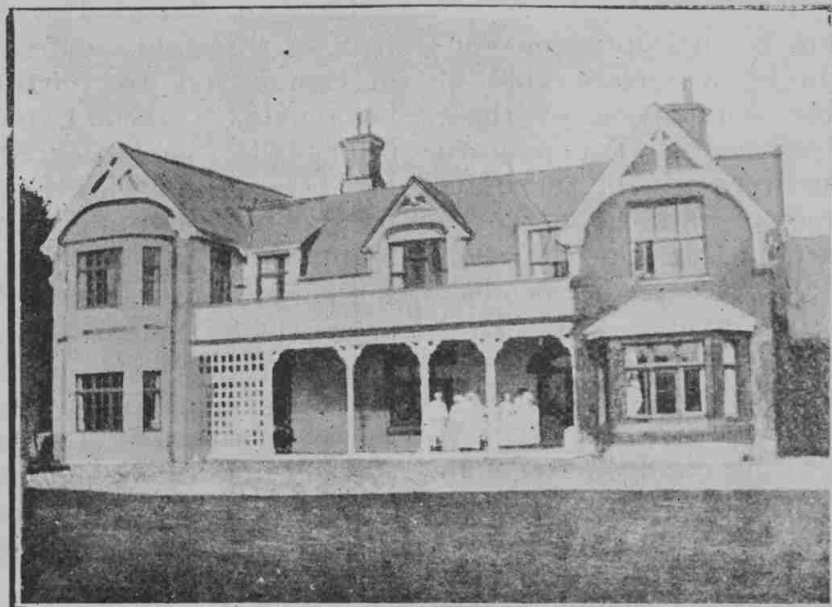


St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill

The St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill, was officially opened on March 22nd, in the presence of a large number of Southland

ing day, and very proud we felt of our sturdy young citizens. Now we are working comfortably with every convenience, in



St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill
(before alterations and additions).

people, who had so generously subscribed (£1036) to the furnishing fund. Afternoon tea was dispensed in the garden by a number of willing helpers, and the hospital was open for inspection. Our visitors wandering about, expressed great surprise that St. Helens Hospital could be so comfortable.

The ground floor consists of two wards, nursery, theatre and offices, sanitary block, nurses' duty room, staff dining-room, and kitchens, entrance hall, corridor, and wide verandahs. On the top floor are the staff rooms, and opening on to sunny balconies.

The hospital stands in the midst of five acres of delightful lawns and gardens surrounded by fields and a beautiful natural bush, where the nurses are usually to be found when off duty. For a profitable recreation we have a miniature farmyard, where pigs and fowls flourish under the care of an old Scotch gardener.

Our baby work promises to flourish equally well, forty-nine having already been born here, most of whom returned for the open-

(at least in our opinion) the most delightful of all hospitals.—E. D. Stubbs.



Matron (Miss Stubbs, late of N.Z. A.N.S.) of St. Helens Hospital, Invercargill, with the first baby born at this Hospital.