

PRINCETON NOW HAS A TOWN HOSPITAL

All Records Broken in Getting Everything in Readiness for Opening To-day

LOCAL DOCTORS AND NURSES IN CHARGE

Princeton has been noted for quick results in answering charitable appeals, but all records for quickness and dispatch were broken Wednesday evening when a local emergency hospital was established here within a few hours. It is an accomplishment of which the whole town is proud. The idea originated late in the afternoon with the ladies of the town and Health Officer Margerum, and within a very brief space of time the hospital became an actual reality.

For this enterprise too much praise cannot be given Health Officer Margerum who worked all night long to get things in readiness, and by his unceasing efforts, and the splendid work of the ladies, Princeton's dream of a town hospital is at last come true. Mrs. Weston also deserves the thanks of the community for it was with her that the idea originated. And as an illustration of the great need of this hospital to care for the poorer families of the town now stricken with influenza and pneumonia, we may state right here that already upon its completion this morning nearly a dozen cases were brought for treatment.

This new institution, to be known as the Board of Health Emergency Hospital, has been started in the Green Home, formerly Miss Fine's School, on Stockton Street, and in this short space of time it has been fitted out with 20 beds, and every modern convenience for the comfort of the patients.

Mrs. W. B. Applegate is the head nurse in charge and every physician in town is listed on its staff of doctors. As soon as the establishing of this hospital became known contributions began to come in. One philanthropic lady donated \$100; Mr. M. Taylor Pyne had a gas range quickly installed; Mrs. Pyne furnished the kitchen equipment; Mrs. Wheaton gave cribs; the Seminary furnished 20 beds; while others cheerfully responded with blankets, sheets, pillows, towels, comfortables, etc. Every one asked instantly responded.

It is estimated that the cost of the hospital will be at least \$150 per week, and donations of money will be needed for its successful operation. Money contributions may be sent to Mrs. W. B. Applegate, the head nurse, while contributions of soups, broths, jellies, etc., and blankets and other bed necessities, may be brought to the hospital. Volunteer nurses are also needed, and it is earnestly hoped that some women and girls of the town will report to

Mrs. Applegate or Health Officer Margerum. Information regarding the hospital may be obtained by calling up the Health Officer, the hospital, president of the Board of Health, or Mrs. Spaulding at the Tea House.

The many cases of influenza and pneumonia in town have made this institution an absolute necessity, for in this way, as in no other, could the poorer families be cared for. At the present time, three in two different families are down with pneumonia, and two from another family. These were the first ones taken to the hospital. There are three from the Baldi family of Humboldt street; three from the McCune family on Charlton Street and two from the Stout family on Moran Place. All are now being cared for at the institution.

A vital need of this hospital has
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been caused by the fact that the Trenton hospitals can no longer receive our cases, and this also makes possible the work of local doctors and nurses who have been taxed to the limit of endurance in attending widely scattered cases.

Now that a Princeton hospital is a reality, and something that Princeton has always needed, it is up to the people to assist in this great work in every possible way, both by contributions of every nature, and by volunteering in the nursing problem. However, there is no doubt but what the institution will be liberally supported, as has always been the case with every charitable movement that has ever originated in Princeton.