

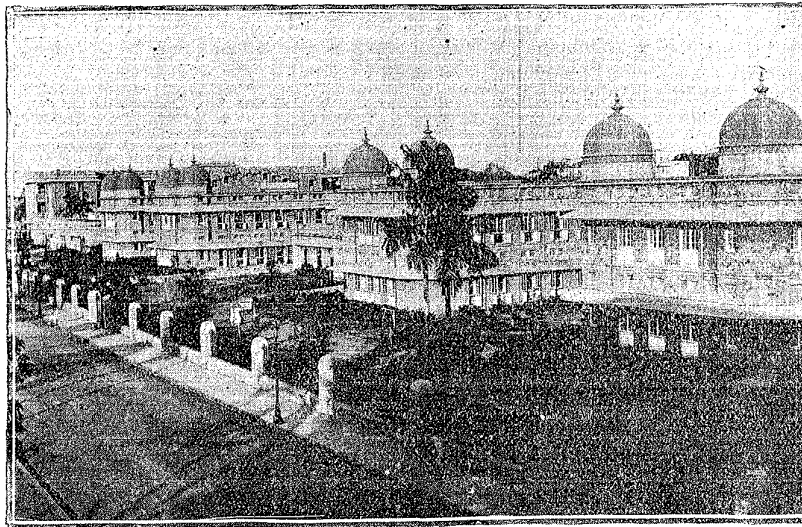
OUR INDIAN HOSPITALS, No. 1

"The K. E. M. H."

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The King Edward VII Memorial Hospital, Parel, Municipality of Bombay as its name implies is a Memoriam to his late Majesty King Edward VII of revered memory. It is built and equipped and kept free for all time by the Bombay Municipality.

This Hospital is a magnificent stone structure, two storeys high, covering nearly 13 acres of land, and built on the pavilion system running from



North to South, from the Seth Goverdhandas Sunderdas Medical College which is attached to it on the North. The Nurses' home is on the South side and is semi-detached from the Hospital with a covered way right through to all wards, theatres and departments. It was opened on the 22nd January, 1926 by the Governor of Bombay, and since then the Nursing staff has increased from 45 to 105. The Bombay Municipality maintains 365 Beds, but as a rule the In-patients number 385 to 412 as a floating population. The Out-patient department treats from 600 to 900 daily. The graduates have been 15 to 20 annually from 1929. This term we have 7 students for the final and 17 for the junior B.P.N.A. examinations.

The student Nurses study in two languages, English and Marathi. All orders, reports and clinics are in English, but those whose mother Language is Marathi take theory and Examination accordingly.* We have had 75 per cent passes in the March and September of each year since we sent up our 1st Batch of K. E. M. H. Students. We sent four graduates in September, 1928 and all passed gaining 100 per cent. They were midwives and transfers who came in at the opening of the Hospital.

* We have Nurses from all parts of India, i.e.,
 Southern India (Speaking Telegu, Tamil, Malayali.)
 Northern India (" Hindi, Shindi.)
 Western India (" Marathi, Gujarati and Portuguese.)

We had one Mahomedan Nurse, but she did not complete her training.