OPENING OF THE NEW EXTENSION AT THE ROYAL EASTERN COUNTIES INSTITUTION.

THIS function took place on July 18, 1935, and was honoured by the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent. The Duke was received by the Mayor of Colchester, the Earl of Stradbroke (Chairman of the Board of Directors), Sir Laurence Brock, Col. Gilbertson Smith and Dr. F. Douglas Turner. Col. Gilbertson Smith (Chairman of the Joint Committee) briefly traced the history of the Institution from its origin nearly eighty years ago. Sir Laurence Brock expressed the thanks of the Minister of Health and the Board of Control to His Royal Highness. Sir Laurence indicated the absurdity of the claim, sometimes made, that institutions for the mentally defective were unduly expensive, pointing out that a certain number of the inmates were enabled, as a result of training, to return to life in the general community. The Duke of Kent, in declaring the extension open, reminded his hearers that His Majesty the King had been patron of the Institution since 1910. He congratulated the County Councils of Essex, Suffolk and Cambridgeshire upon their wisdom in uniting for the present purpose. He was glad that the extension was to be known as " Turner Village ", a name which would permanently commemorate the great work which has been done by the present Medical Superintendent, by his late father and by other members of his family. A vote of thanks to His Royal Highness ended the proceedings.

Turner Village is planned on the villa system. The full scheme provides for the erection of twenty-three villas, but only eight of these have as yet been built. Each villa accommodates fifty-two patients, and the buildings embrace an area of about fifty acres. There is a recreation hall with a seating capacity of 900. The kitchen, laundry and workshops are equipped with the most modern machinery and appliances. The estimated cost of the full scheme is about £420,000; the present buildings have cost about £172,000.

OBITUARY.

DAVID RICE.

DR. DAVID RICE died on July 31, 1935, æt. 64. He was the son of the Rev. C. H. Rice, of Cheam, Surrey. Having received his early education at St. Columba's College, Dublin, he proceeded to Guy's Hospital. He qualified as M.R.C.S.Eng. and L.R.C.P.Lond. in 1898. He took the D.P.H. of the Victoria University of Manchester in 1906, and the M.D. degree of the University of Brussels in 1907. After acting as House Physician at Bethlem Royal Hospital he joined the staff of the Cheddleton Mental Hospital, Staffordshire, when that institution was opened under Dr. Menzies, in 1899. In 1907 he was appointed Medical Superintendent at the City of Norwich Mental Hospital at Hellesdon, a post which he held for the remainder of his life. He also acted as medical adviser to the Norfolk Committee for the Care of the Mentally Defective. He took a prominent part in the activities of the local branch of the British Medical Association, and he served for some years as a representative of the South-Eastern Division on the Council of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association.

In the *British Medical Journal* of August 17, 1935, Dr. C. R. F. Hall, a colleague of Dr. Rice at Hellesdon, writes of him: " It may be truly said that he devoted his whole life to the furtherance of the interests of the hospital and to the treatment and comfort of the patients. As superintendent of the hospital he set a great example to those who worked under him. A somewhat strict disciplinarian, he nevertheless won the respect and affection of his staff. Very approachable, he grudged no time and spared no trouble to assist those who were in difficulties or asked his advice or help. His place will indeed be difficult to fill."

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Dr. Rice was a prominent Freemason, holding office in the Grand Lodge and the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. He was an enthusiastic cricketer, and captained his hospital team for a number of years, being distinguished as a batsman and wicket-keeper. He was also a great lover of music. He leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter, to whom we extend our respectful sympathy. M. H. S.

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