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The Dorset House School of Occupational Therapy

CHURCHILL HOSPITAL OXFORD

A pictorial review of its difficult working conditions, and of what has been achieved in spite of these.

WE WISH

To help more students

To reach even higher standards of training

To meet present and future needs

WE NEED

More space, improved facilities, better buildings

In spite of the cold – the coke – and only outdoor access to all departments – of cement floors – (many cracking because of tree roots below) – hideous stoves –



and a continued fight to keep damp from coming through the brick bases of the walls of the huts –



such as this one which is used for physical recreation and also convertible into a lecture room –

We have managed to equip:



A main lecture room.



A library (already far too small), with a specialist press-cutting section.

Workshops for practical teaching:



The Demonstration Hut—(this is a corner of the section where students are taught to help patients to become as independent as possible in their general activities of daily living.)



The Art Hut—(showing the result of group work in the wall panel.)

Heavy Workshops:



The metal and basketry workshop. A metalwork class in progress.



The woodwork shop.

There are also other specially equipped sections

(not illustrated), for instruction in:

Anatomy and Physiology, and all medical subjects

Work Study

Mechanics

Study of the rehabilitation of the housewife and of children

and

Block and Screen Printing

Dressmaking

Embroidery

Leatherwork

Lettering

Mechanical Drawing

Printing

Puppetry

Stool and Chair Seating etc. etc.

We have, too, a Welfare Department,

Common rooms, and a Canteen.



Above: One of the Common Rooms Below: The Canteen



More money could, of course, be spent on these premises – but we feel, now, that we should put our main investment into new ones.