

OPEN SURGICAL WARD IN SLOANE HOSPITAL

**New Building for the Purpose
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PART OF COLUMBIA SCHOOL

**Accommodations for 28 Private Pa-
tients and 26 Ward Beds—Model In-
terior for Varied Requirements.**

The new hospital building, to be used as the surgical department of the Sloane Hospital for Women, at Tenth Avenue and Fifty-ninth Street, a gift of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane, costing, together with its furnishings, more than \$200,000, was opened for inspection yesterday afternoon. Its first two patients were received there last night.

More than 1,000 invitations had been sent out for the opening and many visitors came in response. The new surgical department will accommodate about sixty private and ward patients, and will be utilized also for clinical instruction of students of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, with which the Sloane Hospital is affiliated under the auspices of Columbia University. Hitherto surgical cases that came to the Sloane Hospital had to be turned over to Roosevelt or some other hospital, where, too, students of the college were obliged to go for clinical instruction.

Administration of the new hospital is under a board of managers consisting of Chief Physician Dr. E. B. Cragin, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons; William D. Sloane, Treasurer; Dr. Samuel Lambert, Dr. Francis Wood, and George L. Rives.

Dr. Cragin will have charge of the surgical work, assisted by Dr. Ostler, chief of the Vanderbilt Clinic at the College of Physicians and Surgeons. Dr. E. C. Lyon will be resident instructor of gynecology, and Dr. Wilbur Ward resident instructor of obstetrics. The staff of nurses will number about thirty.

The new hospital building is now the northwest wing of the Sloane Hospital for Women, fronting 40 feet on Tenth Avenue and being 72 feet in depth. It is eight stories high, of red brick and granite in harmony with the hospital buildings, and is absolutely fireproof. It has accommodations for twenty-eight private patients and twenty-six ward beds. The ground floor contains waiting rooms, an examining room for incoming patients, offices and sleeping quarters for the Superintendent and internes. The second and third floors, containing seven rooms each, are intended for private patients, but will for a time be occupied by the nurses. The same number of rooms on the fourth and fifth floors are now ready for private patients, two containing private baths, and one with two beds. Each floor has also a medicine room, a bathroom and a serving room, where food is divided and distributed by dumbwaiters to the different rooms after it leaves the general kitchen.

On the sixth floor there are four wards, three of which have six beds and one two beds. The seventh floor has the operating room, sterilizing room, doctors' dressing room, etherizing room, and treatment room for such patients as do not need an anaesthetic. The operating room rises to the eighth floor, making an amphitheatre, which is surrounded by tiers of marble benches for the students. The room is entirely of marble and tiling. On the eighth floor is a solarium and maids' room.

All the bedrooms and wards face directly upon the street. The ventilation of each room is supplied from a giant fan on the roof, and all are steam-heated and equipped with abundant electric ceiling and extension lights. The private rooms are equipped with telephone connection for such patients as desire it. In every room all the corners and facings are rounded off to prevent the accumulation of dust in corners or where floor and walls meet. The floors are all of tiling and the baseboards of the wall of marble. On each floor there is a patent steam-jacketed oven for keeping heated blankets.

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Sloane, the donors of the present building, were also the donors of the main building, which was opened in 1888. The perpetual endowment of the whole and the cost of the new building represents an investment of more than \$1,000,000. More than 26,000 cases have been treated at the institution since its establishment.