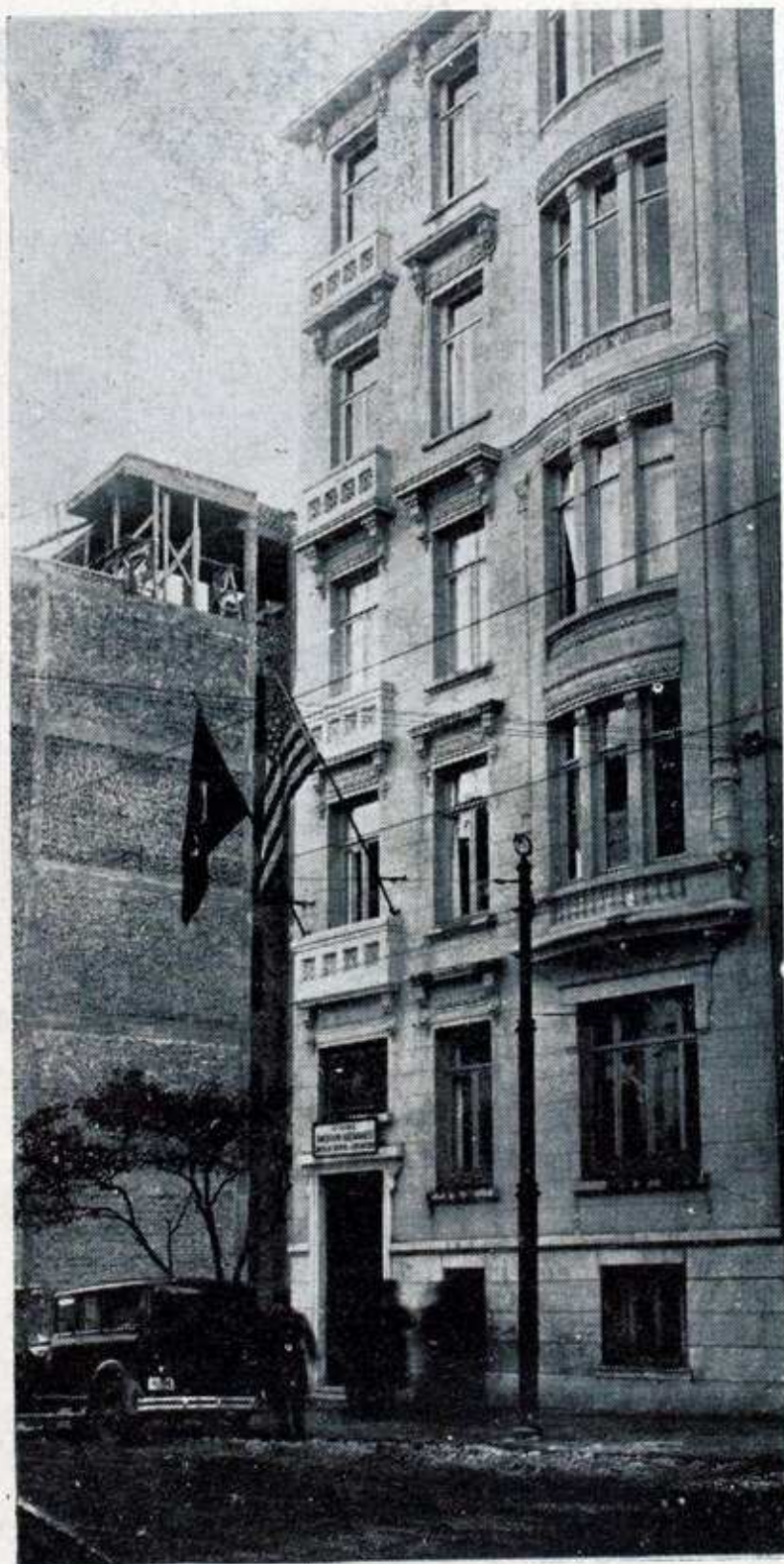


THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL
OF
CONSTANTINOPLE



Report for the year 1928

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lege.

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tion of the Hospital.

MEDICAL STAFF

LORRIN A. SHEPARD M. D., F. A. C. S., Director.

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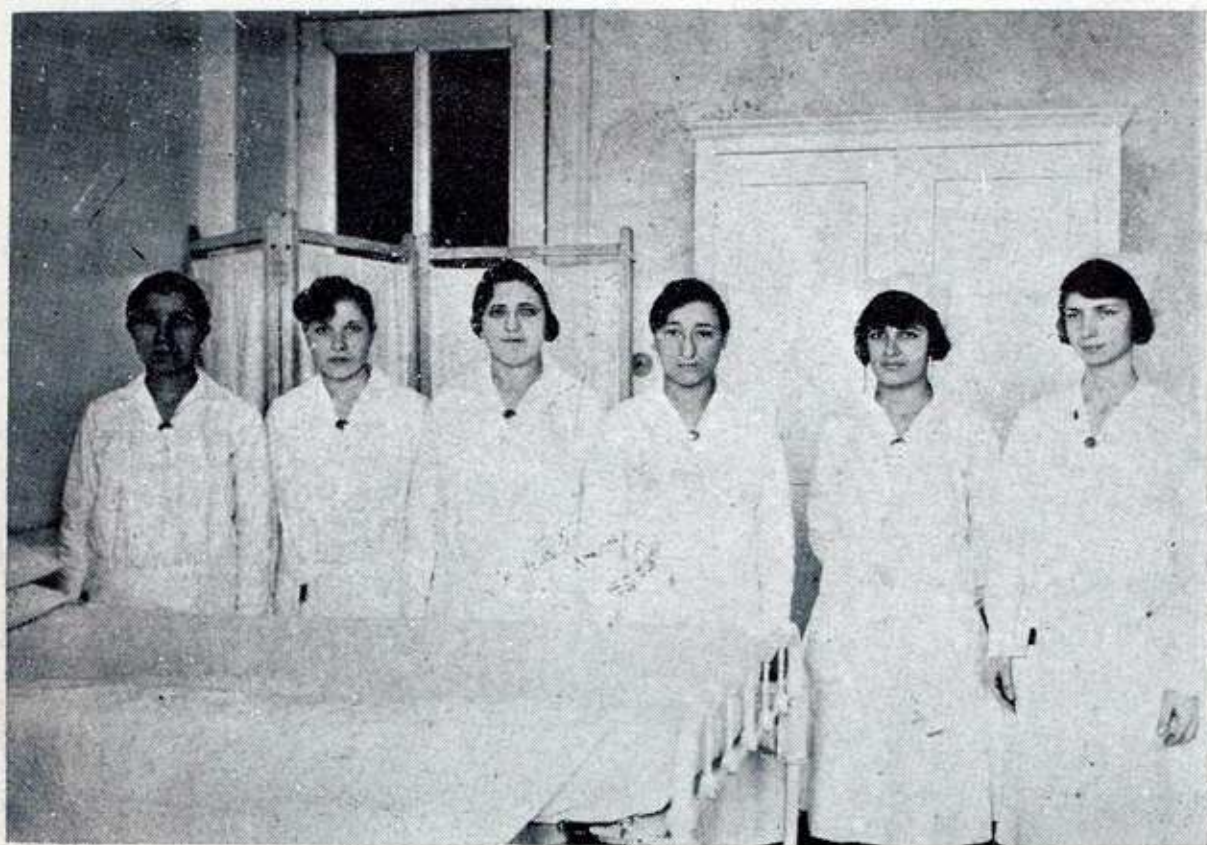
Dr. NERCESS OUZOUNIAN, Bacteriologist.

Dr. ALI MAHIR, Radiographer.

NURSING STAFF

MISS ALWINA B. FRANCIS, R. N. B. A., Directress of the School of Nur-
sing.

MISS HELEN MCKNIGHT R. N. B. S., Assistant Directress.



THE GRADUATING CLASS.

January 1929.

In the training of nurses the American Hospital of Constantinople is rendering a unique service to the people of Turkey and neighboring countries.

THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

A brief report for the year 1928

Standing at the gateway into Asia the American Hospital of Constantinople guards the health of several hundred resident and thousands of transient Americans. They can come to it when ill and feel sure of the sort of professional care they would receive at home. It extends the same service to people of all nationalities in this great cosmopolitan city, and is training young women of the country in modern methods of nursing. Its continuance should be assured and means provided for its further growth and development.

Those interested in the Hospital, which was founded in 1920, will long remember its eighth calendar year. The year opened with a substantial indebtedness. In spite of the encouraging turn of affairs following its reorganization in June 1927, with a new director and Board of Managers, and although the local American Community had rallied generously and loyally to its support, the Hospital was actually ordered closed by a meeting of the Executive Committee at the American Embassy on February 22nd., unless sufficient funds were forthcoming by March first. Thanks to Mr. Plimpton's committee in America, to the American Board which made an initial appropriation of \$ 5,000, and to the energetic campaign of Mr. Luther R. Fowle, the situation was saved. The total sum raised in America was \$ 15,735.

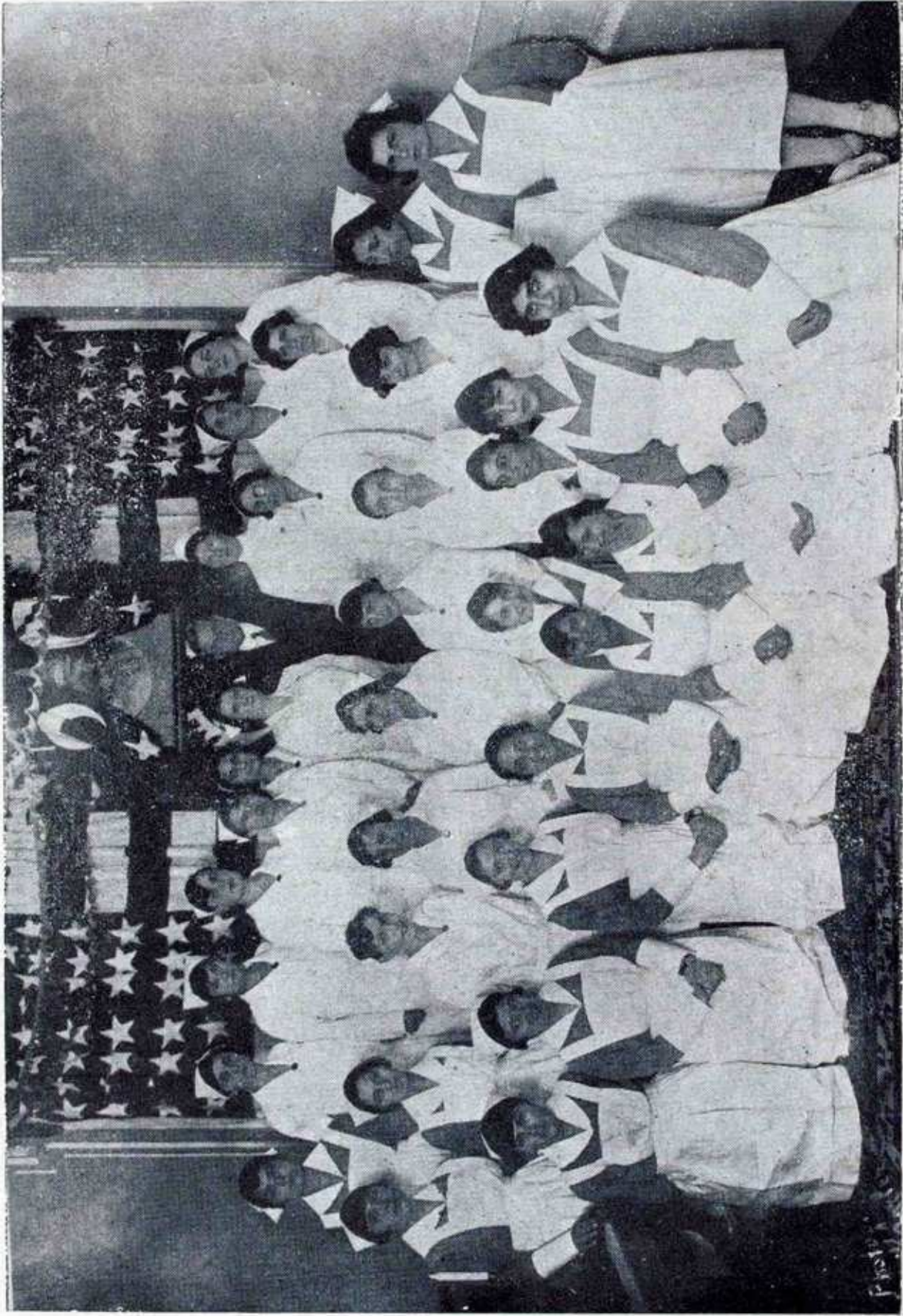
No sooner was this crisis passed than another arose. The lease on the German Hospital buildings, occupied by us since 1923, was to expire in September. After considering many possibilities the Managers decided to ask for a year's extension, which the owners refused. A long period of anxious house hunting finally resulted in the lease for two years of a five story apartment house in an attractive residential section. To adapt this building to hospital use required the expenditure of about three thousand dollars and an enormous amount of time and thought. After many trying delays we finally moved into the present quarters on October twenty-fifth. The difficult task of moving the Hospital took several weeks, but was carried out without stopping the medical work. The earnings for October while the moving took place, fell only 20% below our monthly average. The Director is deeply grateful to Miss Francis and Miss McKnight and

to all the nurses and employees for the loyal and uncomplaining way in which they toiled during the moving, and to the Standard Oil Company for loaning their trucks for transportation of the Hospital equipment.

Our present building is, in many respects, an improvement over the old one. It is compact, easier to keep clean, and much easier to heat. There will be much less expense for coal, water and electricity than in the former place. The private rooms are quite attractive. On the other hand the nursing, feeding and administration are more difficult for lack of space. Twenty-seven of our pupil and graduate nurses are crowded into one apartment of a neighboring apartment house. The rent is three and a half times what we paid for the German buildings, although we have only a third as much space. However it was the best that could be done and is not higher than other rents in the neighborhood. The present building will serve our purpose fairly well temporarily, but cannot be considered a permanent home for the Hospital.

The heavy expenses entailed by paying a whole years' rent in advance, which was necessary to secure the building, and by alterations and moving, coupled with the unavoidable decrease in earnings have used up our reserve fund of \$8,000 which was built up through the generosity of Mr. J. P. Morgan and Ambassador Grew. Mr. Grew has shown keen interest in the Hospital from his arrival in Turkey. It was this reserve fund which saved the Hospital in the crisis of moving. A campaign for funds in the shape of personal contributions from the Americans in Constantinople was carried through in September and October. Over \$5,500 was raised in this way and these funds also were needed to enable the Hospital to enter the new year without debt. Service contributions secured locally will carry us through the first few months of the year, but there must before long be an assurance of funds from America to enable us to carry on. A detailed financial statement is appended.

The important work of training nurses has gone on smoothly through the year. A class of eleven graduated in March. Seven of these were Russians, two Bulgarians, and two Armenians. Another class of six Turks is graduating in January 1929. American methods have been taught and American standards maintained. The pupils have learned English surprisingly well, in spite of their heavy schedule of practical and theoretical instruction. There is a steady demand for our graduates in institutional and private nursing. Several are engaged in post-graduate study in America, others are holding high the stan-



Group taken at Graduation Exercises, January 25, 1929

dards of their profession in Turkey, Greece, and Bulgaria. Two have returned to Russia. Nursing is a new profession in the Near East, and the need for many nurses, well trained, is freely acknowledged. This is the only city in Turkey where candidates can be found in sufficient numbers. The people in the interior are still too old fashioned to let their daughters go in for such things. This Hospital is rendering a big service by providing a high class training for the pioneers of nursing in Turkey.

A new feature of our work since coming to the present building is the arrangement with the American Womens' Hospitals, New York., whereby that organization, which is doing such splendid work in the relief of suffering among women and children in the Near East, supports six beds in our children's ward. This enables a certain number of children from the homes of the very poor to secure free treatment in our hospital. The beneficiaries are designated by Miss Mills, the local representative of the American Women's Hospitals, in consultation with our Hospital staff.

This Hospital has two great and urgent needs. The first is a building of its own, planned and constructed for hospital use. This would eliminate the heavy rent item, amounting to twelve percent of the present budget, and an attractive building would increase the earning capacity. Building plans are in hand. The sum required for land, building and essential new equipment is between, \$ 75,000 and \$ 100,000. The second need is for a permanent organization in America to assume the task of supplying funds to meet the annual deficit. The amount involved is not large. Our budget is about \$ 60,000. Earnings amount to about \$ 30,000. The very loyal support of the local Americans makes possible the raising of about \$ 15,000 from individuals and firms. \$15,000 from America each year would meet the balance of the deficit. The best solution of the problem would be the adoption of the Hospital and School of Nursing by some American organization already interested in this area, or in health work throughout the world. It is the heartfelt desire of all friends of the Hospital that some such solution of its problem be found during the current year.

Lorrin A. Shepard, Director.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL OF CONSTANTINOPLE

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1928



Hospital in Patients.

	Male	Female	Children	Total
Medical	174	210	49	433
Surgical	86	120		206
Obstetrical		327		327
Births	181	129		310
Total admissions ...	441	786	49	1276

Nativity of patients:	Amer.	Eng.	Turk	Arm.	Greek	Jew	Russ.	Germ.	Misc.
	85	28	253	307	284	43	106	25	145

Maximum number on any one day	85
Minimum number on any one day	16
Daily average in hospital	52
Number of days treatment	19,127
Number of Major operations... ..	192
Number of minor operations... ..	120
Number of deaths	19
Number of private patients	251
Number of semi private patients... ..	163
Number of full pay patients	407
Number of part pay patients... ..	52
Number of free patients... ..	93

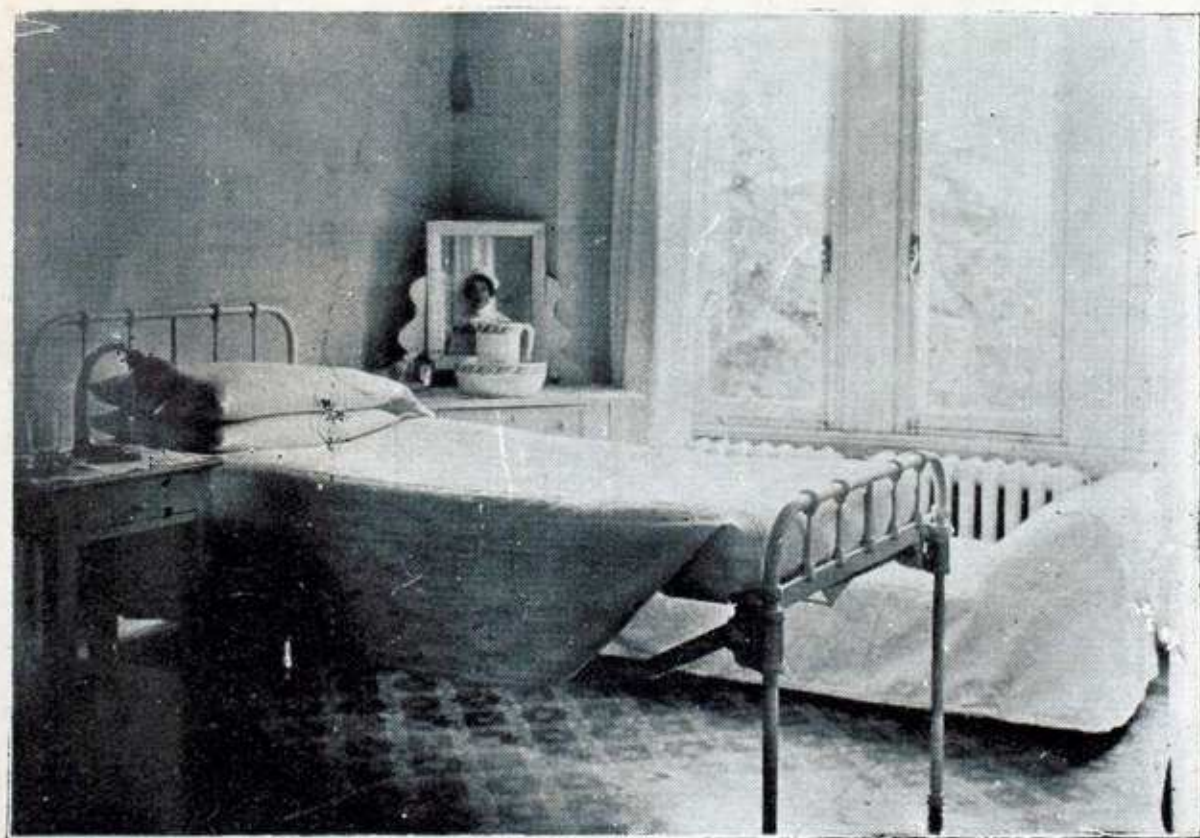
Out patient department.

Number of new visits	1843
Number of revisits	4772
Total visits	6615





The Children's Ward is the sunniest room in the Hospital.



One of the Private Rooms.

AMERICAN HOSPITAL, CONSTANTINOPLÉ

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND OPERATING COSTS

January 1st - Dec. 31st, 1928.

January 1st - Dec. 31st, 1927.

	Local Currency	U. S. Gold	%	Local Currency	U. S. Gold	%
Operating Cost	Ltq. 131,863.53	\$ 67,013.05	100%	Ltq. 119,980.65	\$ 61,637.06	100%
Operating Income	Ltq. 68,220.55	\$ 34,669.68	51.74	Ltq. 58,458.06	\$ 30,031.36	48.73
Contributions secured locally	" 19,318.67	9,788.34	14.61	" 13,822.88	7,441.75	12.07
American Committee	" 29,694.63	15,235.00	22.73	—	—	—
Serv. Contr. Gross Ltq. 22,065.41				24,720.32		
Deduct Services rendered	" 5,807.24			3,652.75		
Mr. J. P. Morgan \$ 6000.—	" 16,258.17	8,324.15	12.42	" 21,067.57	10,824.84	17.56
Mr. A. Wardwell \$ 1000.—	" 13,634.80	7,000.00	10.44	—	—	—
	Ltq. 147,126.82	75,017.17	111.94	Ltq. 93,348.51	48,297.95	78.36
Surplus	Ltq. 15,263.29	\$ 8,004.12	11.94	Ltq. 26,632.14	\$ 13,339.11	21.64
Patient Days... ..	19,127	—	—	19,915	—	—
Average Cost per day	Ltq. 6.89	\$ 3.50	—	Ltq. 6.03	\$ 3.10	—
Serv. Contr. Gross \$ 11,275.39 of these items \$ 500.—	(Ltq. 916.85) received through American Committee.					
	2,951.24					
	<u>\$ 8,324.15</u>					

Service contributions for which services are to be rendered until June 30, 1929, \$ 7129.13 (Ltq. 13,924.42)

NOTE: Average exchange employed for all items where exact Dollar equivalent not known.

Contributions to the New Building Fund or to the current expenses of the Hospital may be sent to the Hospital direct or to The American Express Co., Constantinople.

*The broad,
sunny balconies
of the private
rooms in the
rear give a
wonderful view
of the Bospho-
rus, Marmora
and Princes
Islands.*



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