

Summer Views in The Willows Maternity Sanitarium  
2929 Main Street Kansas City, Mo.

#### INTRODUCTION

SPRING and Autumn are in many respects the pleasantest seasons of the year. They intervene and connect the two seasons of extreme temperature and as such are more medium and moderate. Winter and Summer have their pleasant features and also offer their trying problems.

In some ways Summer is the most difficult time of the year And yet the climatic conditions of Summer in Kansas City are frequently like summer resort weather. In portions of the City where it is not too densely built up, where trees and grass and flowers abound, the weather is rarely hot for the full twenty-four hours of the day.

Kansas City is known as the "Heart of America," being practically in the geographic center of the United States. Being on the border between Missouri and the great plains of Kansas, the breezes of Colorado and Kansas, western, northwestern, and southwestern, play eastward almost the whole Summer through. Kansas City is so fortunately situated as to benefit by these.

Then if in addition one can be so advantageously situated as in The Willows Maternity Sanitarium, topping one of the highest hills, surrounded by green vegetation, among shady trees and with the large Penn Valley Park but two blocks to the westward, very little suffering is experienced in Summer compared with what is expected in a larger city.

Many of the photographs in this booklet are intended to illustrate the unique advantages The Willows invitingly offers unfortunate young women requiring seclusion maternity service for themselves and their babies during the warmer portion of the year.

1926 Group of Nurses with their Superintendent

These Babies are Graduates  
of The Willows Nursery

THE multiplication of words designed to interest the medical practitioner in the work of The Willows, is hardly necessary in this booklet. The pictures largely tell their own story of grade of equipment and work possible to do with it. A few salient points are all that will be necessary to explain the emphasis of the Sanitarium and its work.

It has been designed primarily to offer seclusion to the higher grade unfortunates so they may be under wholesome conditions along with other high grade unfortunates and yet not expose the secret of their misfortune to the world. The patient ordinarily enters because she desires to have her child adopted, being unable to keep it without social ostracism and moral ruin to herself and reflecting back on her family, while at the same time robbing her innocent offspring of its unhampered entree into life.

The Hospital is provided with modern hospital equipment and manned with a good medical and nursing organization assuring the same superior care that would be afforded were the patient a married woman. On the other hand the rooming and board accommodations under reduced expense cost encourage the patient to enter early in gestation, thus avoiding danger of exposure of her secret.

Large nursery accommodations are provided for caring for babies, including a roof garden for year around use and a house tent located on top of the building to meet special summer needs. Along with the other larger office corps is a force for homefinding so the babies may speedily be adopted into desirable private families.

The largest organization and the most extensive work that America has ever known for the higher grade unfortunate is being done today by The Willows Maternity Sanitarium. Its pioneering in methods and grades of work assure young women the best that the medical and hospital world have to offer and at cost much less than prevails ordinarily in hospitals and sanitariums under the present high cost of living.

Write for General Catalogue and price folder if you have a patient

Addressing and Mailing Room

Stenographers' Office and Filing Room

Assistant Superintendent's Office

A Willows Charmer

One of the Lobbies where Patients Visit and Recreate

Headquarters for Patient Duty Nurses

A Patient's Room

The General Dining Room

The Diet Kitchen

Service Store Room

Main Kitchen

Reserve Storage Room

Setting up Trays

View in The Willows Laundry

A Linen Service Room

The Nursery Milk Kitchen

Partial View of Nursery Refrigerator

A Drug and Laboratory Room

Sterilizing and Service Room

Massage as Given for the Prevention of Abdominal Marking

The Dressings Sterilizer

One of the Confinement Chambers

Along with the exactitudes of the nursing profession art many joys and pleasures both while in training and after entering the field of labor. Among the groups and individual pictures of nurses on these pages are several who have entered work in a large way and are now rendering a major service for humanity.

Subject always to strenuous work in emergency and trained to meet it with equanimity, the ordinary life of the pupil in training is filled with enjoyable incidents that will long linger in her memory, and the life of the graduate is interspersed with periods of pleasant relaxation and congenial and inspiring service to humanity.

New Lobby Bath Room showing Shower Bath

A Bath Room in the Main Building

A Clean-up Room

1 The Creche—for handling new born babies

2 The Roof Garden Nursery with windows on all sides

3 A Small Roof Garden

Nursery Room

The Roof Garden House Tent in Use

Exterior View of Roof Garden House Tent

Babies' Food Formulas in Preparation

Present Nurse Executives

Group of 1925 Nurses Surrounded by Willows' Graduates

Nurses with Some of Their Charges

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Graduating Class of 1923

Four Promising American Executives

One of our Future Statesmen

The Foundation of a Happy Home

Joy-Lo

Little Miss Winsome

Baby Bare

Periods of Relaxation During Training School Life

One of the delights of the Pupil's Life while in The Training School, is the enjoyment she experiences in fondling and caring for the babies.

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Entrance Hall

Superintendent's Office

Reception Room