**TWILIGHT HOUSE**

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NEW HOME AT BEECROFT.

Twilight House [Mosman] was the scene of a large gathering on Monday afternoon, when, at the Invitation of members of the committee. Lady Forster and a number of visitors inspected its well-appointed rooms and spacious verandahs overlooking the waters of Middle Harbour.

This was the second time she had inspected the home, said her Excellency, and she found herself more Impressed than ever by the excellent atmosphere surrounding it. Nothing could he more distressing in advancing years than the gnawing of uncertainty as to the future, and all would whole-heartedly sympathise with people in that painful position. Everyone, too, must realise the Importance of one's own individual possessions - the little things that by their associations linked us with the happiness of the past. Twilight House obviated uncertainty, and made the preservation of these cherished associations possible. Each room had its own atmosphere and character, and stood apart from any other. There was nothing that was not homely. Anyone who could do anything towards finding another such home for the large numbers who were waiting would be bringing happiness into countless lives.

Mr. Innes-Noad (hon. secretary) referred to the fact that Twilight House had now been in existence exactly ten years, during the whole of which time it had not been burdened with a penny of debt. Over £9000 in all had been provided for its establishment and up-keep. They had eligible applicants enough to fill at least three such homes, and the committee had at length decided to extend its operations. A property had been acquired at Beecroft, and already £250 In donations had been received for the establishment of the new home, in addition to offers from ten well-wishers to furnish rooms.

In response to an appeal by Lady Forster a number of further offers to furnish rooms were made on the spot. The names of the donors were: - Mrs. A. Allen, Mrs. F. Sargood, Mrs. P. W. Stoddart, Mrs. C. Dangar, Mrs. F. E. and Misses Cox, the Vagabond Dramatic Society, Mrs. R. E. Sayers, Mrs. A. J. Warry, the Misses Warry, the original residents, Miss Yeoman, Dr. and Mrs. McMurray and Mrs. Cahill. In addition, a sale of work is to be organised to swell the funds.

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NEAR AND FAR.

As a result of a sale of work by the old ladies’ resident at Twilight House a sum of £178 has been realised to assist in equipping the sister home at Beecroft, which will be opened at an early date. Lady Forster, who is patroness of the home, presented to the residents a large autographed and framed photograph of herself, which now hangs in a place of honour in the home.

**Sun (Sydney), Thu 10 Jan 1924**

TWILIGHT HOUSE

Making the Garden Sister Home Nearly Ready.

CONSIDERABLE progress has been made in altering the new buildings for the sister Twilight Home at Beecroft, and the architect, Mr. William Nixon, is making a very delightful and convenient establishment.

A wing is being added on the southern side of the building to contain three additional bedrooms and bathroom, and the present dining-room is being opened by a covered way to communicate with a bungalow cottage erected alongside, which will contain a large sitting-room, with a spacious verandah running the whole length, and three bedrooms.

The garden is being thoroughly re-planned and prepared under the direction of Mr. W. R. Sayers, whose efforts were so largely responsible for the beautiful garden at Mosman. It is hoped that, at the present rate of progress, the house will be opened some time during January.

Subscriptions sufficient to defray the entire cost of furnishing are already in hand, so that, except for the balance of the purchase money of the property, the house will be started under favourable circumstances, though they are not as good as was the case with the Mosman Twilight, which on the day It was opened stood absolutely free of any financial burden. The committee are hopeful, however, that the same sympathy which was extended to them in their original effort will not be abated, and that their extended efforts will meet with corresponding support.

**Sun (Sydney), Thu 8 May 1924**

NEW TWILIGHT HOUSE

Opened at Beecroft.

The new Twilight House, which Lady Forster opened at Beecroft this afternoon, will provide another happy home for aged gentlewomen. The original Twilight House is at Mosman.

The Beecroft House, which stands in lovely gardens, was purchased at a cost of £2500, and an additional £1000 has been spent in alterations. There is accommodation for 12 residents. All the rooms have been furnished by different people, and the drawing-room was completely furnished by the members of the Twilight House, Mosman.

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TWILIGHT HOUSE.

OPENED AT BEECROFT.

The first Twilight House for aged gentle-women, in which they could spend their declining years amid happy and pleasant surroundings, was opened at Mosman about ten years ago. In recent years the accommodation has been inadequate. This was noticed by Lady Forster on the occasion of her first visit to the house, und as the outcome of her remarks on that occasion the committee set about looking for a suitable building in which to house the many applicants for admission.

Finally, they chose a fine bungalow residence at Beecroft, originally built by Mr. Leslie Herring, with spacious grounds. It was necessary, however, to provide additional accommodation, as well as to re-model portion of the existing building. Plans were entrusted to Mr. W. M. Nixon, of Pitt-street, and the work has just been completed by Mr.

G. Lennon under his supervision. The additions comprise a two-storied building at the

back of the original building, and a wing on the eastern side. The latter is connected to the main building by a covered way from the dining-room, and consists of a sitting-room and three bedrooms. Altogether 15 bedrooms and four sitting rooms, together with bathrooms, pantries, kitchen, and other domestic offices, have been provided, and electric light has been Installed throughout. The furnishing has been undertaken by friends of the movement, the drawing-room, in particular, having been furnished by the inmates of the Mosman house.

Mrs. Allen said that when the Mosman Twilight House was opened 10 years ago It was not a very good time for making a start, as it was Just at the beginning of the war. The committee, however, struggled through, and very soon found that it would have to get another house, as the Mosman building could not accommodate nil the applicants. Then they had Lady Forster's visit, and at her suggestion the committee decided to establish another house on similar lines.

Lady Forster, in declaring the home open, said that If the new house proved to be as happy as the original one, none could wish for a better result. The atmosphere of the Mosman house struck her as being particularly homely, and that was what was wanted.

"We hear a lot," said Lady Forster, "about the rising generation, and what should be done for it, and rightly so, but after all, there are also those of the past generation who have done their work, and we would be very ungrateful II we did not recognise what they had done."