

Budleigh Salterton cottage hospital by Francis Bennion

I READ in an old book that what is now called Budleigh Salterton Hospital was originally, and until recently, known as our Cottage Hospital.

That it ever came about was largely due to the Reverend JB Boucher, who contributed very generously towards its building in 1887, and equally generously endowed it.

This is marked by the name of the road in which the hospital stands, Boucher Road.

The ground for the hospital was given by the Hon Mark Rolle.

The original building had only a dozen or so beds, but the hospital was later enlarged at various stages, with the help of public subscriptions.

It was originally founded as Budleigh Salterton's way of commemorating the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria.

Our old Cottage Hospital, so beloved of the town, is now regarded very differently by the authorities of the National Health Service.

How times change! ¹

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None

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