

## MEDIEVAL HOSPITALS IN GREAT BRITAIN

To the EDITOR:

With regard to your historical note on leprosy in Great Britain in the last issue of the JOURNAL, this makes interesting reading, though there is of course a great deal more that could be said on the subject. Sir George Newman, the present Chief Health Officer of the Ministry of Health, wrote largely on it some 35 years ago, and Colonel Arthur of the Royal Army Medical Corps published a paper on old-time leprosy three or four years ago. There are undoubtedly many places where lepers were housed, mostly in connection with churches, and there are today quite a number of relics of those places. We have been interested in getting information on the matter, and have compiled a list of 324 medieval "leper hospitals" in Great Britain; 283 were in England, 19 in Scotland, 2 in Wales and 20 in Ireland. The number is quite surprising.

*Lady Willingdon Leper Settlement*  
*Tirumani, near Chingleput*  
*Madras Presidency, India*

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