

ciation about 8½ acres of land between Eighth and Tenth Streets west of Springfield boulevard. After the complaint that arose from property owners of that section was finally settled, the association started the preliminaries necessary for the erection of a modern hospital capable of supplying the needs of the growing city, which the old establishment in East Jacksonville had for years been unable to do. Up to this time the association had been composed entirely of women, but now that the work had become so great they felt that the men of the community should share it; this was in 1909. In February, 1911, the association put on a stupendous drive for funds for building a new plant in Springfield and \$225,000 was subscribed.

On July 1, 1911, the association was granted a new charter to meet the requirements necessary in the erection of the new St. Luke's. Plans were drawn for a modern hospital of the pavilion type with connecting corridors, comprising as a whole 12 units. Ground was broken for the first block of eight units in July, 1912, and on January 26, 1914, the patients were removed from the old hospital in East Jacksonville to the new one in Springfield. The eight units completed in 1914 were the administration and service buildings, public and private pavilions, nurses' home, power house, white isolation and colored isolation pavilions. The completion of these units represented an outlay of \$221,637, including equipment.

In October, 1923, a campaign was put on for funds for the erection of additional units and \$52,000 was subscribed. Work on the children-maternity unit to cost \$35,000 is about to begin, the remaining amount to be used for equipment.

Ever since that winter more than half a century ago, when one of the sick strangers died in a hack on the street and the other on the steps of one of our churches, St. Luke's has been a by-word with the people of Jacksonville. Two of its founders—its real originators—were ladies of the Old South who arose above the bitter feeling of the time and in the spirit of true Christian charity laid the foundation for this time-honored institution. Four generations of patients in every state of life and society and from all sections of the country have been cared for within its walls.

Presidents of St. Luke's Hospital Association: Prior to 1882 the Association was directed by its three founders who