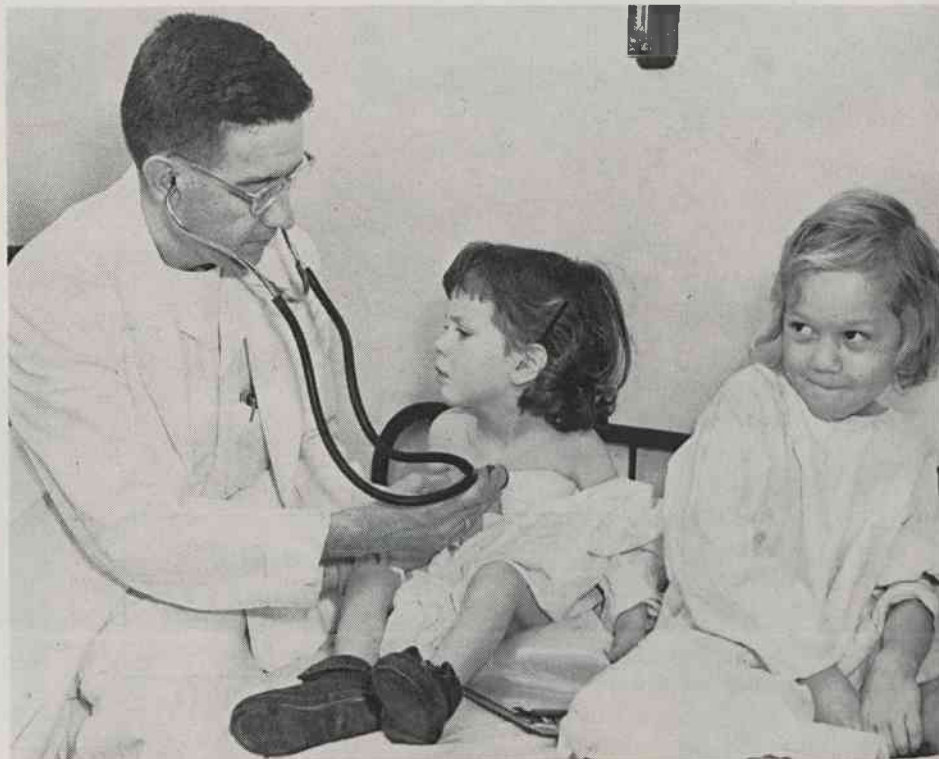


## 164,724 Days Make a Year

What makes a year in the Duke Medical Center? Says the child in school "365 days make a year." In Duke Hospital 164,724 days of patient care make a year; and so do 16,761 operations; and 777,960 laboratory tests.

The year 1958 has been one of growth and change for the Hospital. The opening of the new wing in the late summer of 1957 was the go-ahead signal for remodeling and reconditioning certain older portions of the building. The \$250,000 Ford Foundation grant to Duke Hospital for 1958 was used to effect part of this renovation. Matas Ward now occupies a part of the former Drake Ward and has been increased from 18 to 24 beds. Old Matas Ward has been converted to give additional space to the Blood Bank and to provide consultation rooms and offices for in-patient psychiatric care. Cabell Ward—after a face-lifting—is in use for open-ward psychiatric patients. Meyer Ward is now undergoing much-needed renova-



tion. The remainder of Drake Ward is now open and occupied by medical and surgical patients requiring minimal nursing care. During the renovation of Prevost Ward, Negro Ob and Gyn patients were cared for on Strudwick Ward. Prevost has been reopened as two separate wards for Negro patients: Prevost with 15 obstetrical beds and Campbell with 17 gynecological beds. Ob and Gyn offices have been moved from Prevost to Williams and Williams expanded into Holmes. Strudwick Ward is now closed for renovation.

The Superintendent's Office, Personnel, Nursing, Social Service, Vocational Rehabilitation, EKG, and Employee Health offices have all been relocated. The Business Office has been redesigned and enlarged. The Women's Auxiliary moved into quarters

formerly occupied by the Superintendent's Office. The new Auxiliary quarters include a snack bar so the coffee counter in the lobby has been dispensed with. The Medical Center now has a well-appointed Conference Room near the Superintendent's Office. The Ambulatory Dining Room in the new wing is open and serving patients who have their doctors' permission to be up and about.

So detailed a story of the physical changes does not touch the heart of the Hospital's work. Equipped now with 630 beds and 30 bassinets and staffed with more than 350 physicians, Duke Hospital served 13,451 white patients and 5,550 colored patients in 1958. Of these 9,565 were private patients and 9,436 were staff patients. They came from 99 counties in North

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