

ADMINISTRATION CLASS.

A VISIT TO S.S. "CARINTHIA," CUNARD LINE.

The career of the State Registered Nurse is ever full of interest, her calling, bringing her into touch with every possible phase of human life and its passing, and when members of the Administration Class of the British College of Nurses on Thursday, January 10th, visited the Hospital Department of the S.S. *Carinthia*, they were filled with admiration for the Company's arrangements of the Hospital unit, and thrilled with the spirit of adventure in learning something of the lot of a Sister-in-charge on a large Cunard-White Star Liner.

A railway journey through miles of dockland brought us to Silvertown, and a few minutes' walk to King George V. Dock, where at the quayside we boarded the *Carinthia*, a beautiful ship of 20,277 tons, her length 624 feet, and breadth 73 feet; and she is the latest Cunard liner, with the exception of the *Queen Mary*. The class was most courteously received by the Sister-in-charge, Miss Beryl Thomas, S.R.N., supported by her assistant, Miss M. Jones, and conducted to the Hospital Department on Deck C. Here, the Ship's Surgeon, Dr. John Hill, M.B., Ch.B., invited the class to his consulting room and dispensary, quite a large apartment, which in size and equipment might be the envy of many hospitals on land, where surgical instruments were to be seen in their various cases, a steriliser, basins inset with hot and cold water. Eager enquiries were made as to the best remedies for sea sickness, and Vasano or Chloretone were mentioned as excellent preparations to take for its prevention. We were interested to learn that the different countries have different forms of sea sickness, due it is believed to diet.

Then came the tour of the four Hospital Wards, giving a total accommodation of some twelve beds, divided into two wards for passengers male and female, and one for female staff and one for crew. These wards, equipped with radiant heat and inset basins with water supply, are a model of cleanliness and comfort combined with utility.

All bedsteads are white enamelled throughout, a notable feature being that they are fitted with a lever which adjusts the spring mattress to the desired position. A Lee-board attached prevents the patient from rolling out of bed. Bed-tables, easy chairs, and lockers of the latest design, excellent lavatory accommodation, a large bathroom with every modern convenience completes this department.

The Medical Unit of the ship comprises the Ship's Surgeon, the Sister-in-Charge, who is responsible to the doctor, one Sister assistant, a Dispenser, and a male attendant who is responsible for the cleaning of the Hospital department.

Then came the climb to the Isolation Hospital on the top deck. This comprises some twenty-eight beds; here, as in the hospital, the beds are white enamelled, and fitted with Vi-Spring mattresses, the wards having every convenience and comfort.

Having completed the tour of the hospital arrangements, we were introduced to the Steward, Mr. A. Bentley, who kindly took the Class for a general tour of this wonderful ship.

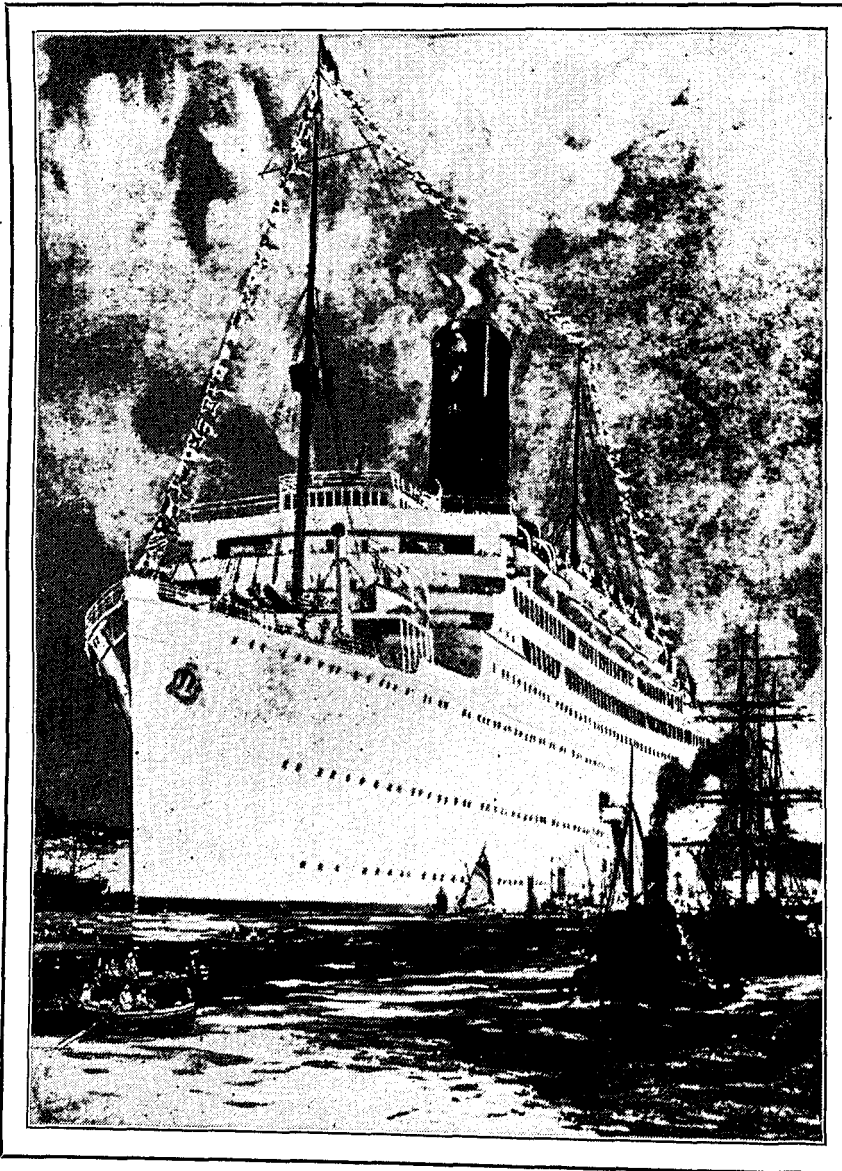
A descent to Deck F found us in the Sports Arena, 5,000 square feet, and from the balcony we looked down on the Pompeian Swimming Pool, Gymnasium, Squash Racquet court, where professional instructors are in attendance; in another part of the ship there is also an outdoor swimming pool.

On Deck D came the main bakehouse, the huge kitchens, which lead to serving rooms, which again lead to dining rooms and restaurants, and fruit and confectionery rooms.

The "silver rooms," for storing great quantities of silver plate, excited much interest.

We moved on to see the wonders of modern construction and equipment when afloat on the *Carinthia*. We passed through beautifully decorated and furnished rooms, fore and aft, writing rooms, library, drawing, dining, card and smoking rooms, decorated and equipped in styles of different periods, Tudor, Queen Anne, Adam, Georgian, Louis XVI, to the most modern.

In many of these apartments we noted cabinets con-



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