

# Royal British Nurses' Association.

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## THE OPENING OF THE NURSES' CLUB.

We announce with very great pleasure that Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, the President, will open the new Headquarters and Club of the Royal British Nurses' Association on Wednesday, May 18th, at 4 p.m. This will be a very joyful occasion, in which it is hoped many members will be able to take part.

## THE NEW HEADQUARTERS AND CLUB OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Several nurses suggested that we should have a sort of farewell gathering in our old quarters in Orchard Street, but arrangements for moving into the new ones had to be carried through so quickly in order to preserve the continuity of the telephone arrangements, and to avoid as far as possible the difficulties arising from having one office in one part of London and another elsewhere, that it was quite impossible to meet their wishes. The nurses took matters into their own hands, however, and on the 15th inst. arranged a sort of surprise luncheon party, when a very merry party drank to the success of the Association's new scheme. Since then many of the members have been to 194, Queen's Gate, to view the new premises, and all admit the possibility of making for themselves a charming home from home there.

The house is delightfully situated; indeed we could not imagine any part of London which would be more desirable when it comes to the matter of a choice of residence. In the wide street in which the house is situated the trees are just bursting into leaf, and two minutes' walk distant is one of the most delightful corners of Kensington Gardens. A perfect fairyland, indeed, is this at the present time, and the garden seats scattered about will prove singularly inviting after a long night on duty. Behind and in front of them slope delightful beds of daintiest spring flowers, with great clouds of blossoming trees beyond; so varied in colour are they that one could almost imagine oneself transported to some sunnier clime than "Olde England." But it is not necessary to go as far as

the gardens to get a breath of fresh air in this delightful part of London, with its wide streets and open spaces. If the chance of a telephone call makes even the gardens too distant, all that the nurse has to do is to step into our electric lift, touch a magic button there, and, with very little trouble to herself, she will find herself on a large expanse of roof, where already we begin to see visions and to dream dreams of a charming roof garden, of long, delightful summer evenings together, watching the sun set behind the great dome of the Albert Hall, just a stone's throw from us, with, near by, the turrets and carvings of the Albert Memorial, clear cut against some lovely sky, and rising far above the surrounding trees.

The house at Queen's Gate is charming, with high, beautifully moulded Adam ceilings and cornices, and carved wood mantelpieces, and great, wide window space. The dining-room and the administrative offices of the Corporation are to be on the ground floor, and, from the hall of black and white marble, the long staircase leads up to the fine drawing-room of the house, and to rooms which the Committee propose shall be used as the nurses' lounge and smoking-room respectively. Of these and the drawing-room we hope to be able to insert photographs shortly.

Her Majesty the Queen has graciously commanded that her signed photograph which now hangs in the drawing-room is to remain, and also that her gifts to Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses are to become the property of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Nurses who are musical will learn with pleasure that there is a fine Broadwood grand piano in the drawing-room. There are large numbers of comfortable easy chairs and couches also, and beautiful old Persian rugs cover the parquet floor, which seems to promise opportunity for plenty of dancing if the members should wish this. The high French windows open on a balcony which will prove delightful in summer time, while in winter we can imagine many a happy party gathering round the great fireplace with its tall pillars on either side. The basement will be the envy of every good housewife, paved throughout, including the kitchen, with black and white marble, and the walls white-tiled from floor to ceiling.

The House Committee are getting to work at arrangements to allow of the nurses making use

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