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## THE OPENING OF THE NEW CLUB OF THE ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A keen air of expectancy pervaded the new Club of the Royal British Nurses' Association at 194, Queen's Gate, on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 18th, for this was a day of days in the annals of the Association. Its President, H.R.H. the Princess Christian, was coming to open the Residential Club, which the members had so long and ardently desired, and into possession of which they had now entered. It was the first time most of them had had the opportunity of seeing it, and many foregathered at an early hour and took the opportunity of exploring it beforehand from the basement to the roof.

They had, indeed, reason to be proud and happy. First of all the house is satisfying and charming, the rooms spacious and of fine proportions, the harmony of the furnishing all that can be desired. And more than that, it is as sweet and spotless as soap and water, and much polishing, can make it, and that, as all nurses know, is essential to any satisfactory superstructure. The flowers to beautify the Club were sent by the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, the Registered Nurses' Society, and numbers of individual members and their friends.

Those entering the house saw over the arch of the Entrance Hall, beautifully illuminated in red and blue on a white ground, the aspiration, voicing the desire of all the members, "God bless the Nurses' Princess." This was the work of Miss Le Bailley. A note of colour was also given by the Banner of the Association—blue, rose and gold—bearing the Royal Crown and the national emblems of England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland.

Many willing hands contributed to the perfection of the whole, the floral decorations being undertaken by Mrs. Fleming, Miss A. Cattell and Miss Griffin. The Secretary's Office, arranged for the Opening Ceremony,

was beautiful with gorgeous tulips, columbines, lilies of the valley, mauve irises and crimson roses, and in the adjoining dining room rose-coloured tulips were again employed.

Then the visitors ascended to the drawing room, and were charmed with its stately beauty. Long French windows open on to a wide balcony, the well-polished parquet floor is covered with delightful Persian rugs, and the comfortable arm-chairs and couches, with their freshly laundered chintzes, in which the prevailing colours are mauve, green and rose, have cushions covered with soft grey-blue satin.

Here, again, a wealth of flowers was employed with excellent effect. Beech leaves and lilac, rhododendrons, peonies and marguerites beautified the fire-place, and rhododendrons, narcissus and lovely sweet peas, mauve, pink and flame-coloured, completed its attractiveness.

In the Lounge, tall blue and white lupins, wild roses, columbines and carnations gave a charming note of colour, and palms, rhododendrons and spirea decorated the adjoining conservatory.

Ascending further, the bedrooms, where some thirty members can be accommodated, were visited, and their attractive atmosphere of dainty freshness was much commented upon. Last of all the flat roof was reached. It will be a delightful outlet on summer evenings.

In the basement, presided over by the capable and smiling cook, everything was in apple-pie order, and the members of the Club must surely feel well disposed to food prepared in such sanitary surroundings.

At four o'clock H.R.H. Princess Christian arrived, accompanied by H.H. Princess Marie Louise. She was received by the Executive Committee and the Honorary Officers (Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Campbell Thomson, Nurse Hon. Secretary, Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, Medical Hon. Secretary, and Dr. Kenneth Stewart, Hon. Treasurer), and at once proceeded to the Secretary's office, where the opening ceremony took

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