

OPENING OF THE LADY LYTTON CLUB AND HOSTEL AT CALCUTTA.

A very pleasant function took place on the afternoon of November 16th, at 4, Auckland Road, Calcutta.

The New Club and Hostel was officially opened by His Excellency the Earl of Lytton, the Governor of Bengal, accompanied by the Countess of Lytton. After tea on the lawn and a very amusing speech by Lord Lytton, the silver ribbon giving access to the premises was cut and the

ing their appreciation of her labours. A gorgeous basket of flowers was then gracefully presented by Sister Glassop.

The Countess of Lytton in acknowledging the gifts said she was greatly touched indeed by the address. Nothing in connection with the club and hostel could have gratified her more profoundly than the words which had been uttered on behalf of the nursing community of Calcutta. She would indeed consider herself most fortunate if by any efforts of hers she had been able to contribute towards the benefit of the nurses of Calcutta.

"It is only 18 months ago," she continued, "when I was first informed of the need for such an institution as this. A well-known and much respected member of the nursing profession in Calcutta, who does not wish her name to be mentioned, has for many years realised the requirements of Calcutta nurses, and it was through her that I was first invited to take up this cause. I began last winter to try to rouse a personal interest in my scheme, and also money. Many will remember the Fair at Government House last December which a generous committee organised with immense success.

"Since then a kind friend, who also wishes to remain anonymous, came forward with a gift of this house for five years, rent free."

BENDUBLE WARD SHOES.

This is the time of the year when all wise people struggle to keep their feet dry, no easy matter with transparent stockings and paper slippers. Personally as we object to coughs and colds and aches and pains we usually pay a visit to "Benduble" at 145, Oxford Street, W., and secure a brand new pair of their wonderful glacé laced shoes, which never wear out. It is difficult to know how, at the reasonable price charged, it can pay to provide the public with such tip top goods, the reason presumably is, that the public appreciates being well treated in these days of shoddy shoes, and widely advertises its satisfaction. The Benduble Ward Shoe, post free for 11s. 9d. should, without doubt, be worn by every busy nurse who wants to forget tired feet. The new illustrated "Benduble foot-wear Booklet" shows the various styles. Write for it. It is sent post free.



ENTRANCE TO THE LADY LYTTON HOSTEL, CALCUTTA.

Club officially declared open. There was a large and representative gathering present, amongst whom were many nursing sisters and other members of the profession. A pleasing feature of the afternoon was the presentation of a bouquet, gracefully presented by Miss Lane, a Club member, and very graciously accepted by Her Excellency from the members of the Club on her arrival at the main entrance.

The Club is beautifully situated, and both inside and out is "a thing of beauty"; spacious rooms (both double and single), drawing-room, dining-room, and public rooms—all furnished in most exquisite taste. Very grateful thanks are due to Her Excellency and her Committee on the finished result of their labours.

This is quite a new departure for Calcutta, and, indeed, for India, and the Countess of Lytton may be assured that the thanks of the whole Profession in India are hers for her gracious gift and her interest in our work and welfare.

J. H. MACDONALD.

The *Statesman* of November 17th gives the following account of Lady Lytton's speech:—

After the formal reception of His Excellency and the Countess of Lytton, Sister Dela Croix on behalf of the nurses presented her Ladyship with a beautiful silk scroll containing an illuminated address testifying to the great work which she had done for the profession in Calcutta and acknowledg-



MISS LANE WITH PRESENTATION BOUQUET.

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