

VIEW DAY AT HEADQUARTERS.

View Days at the British College of Nurses (June 9th and 10th) were happy and successful days at 39, Portland Place. Headquarters had been fully described in our June issue, and the Fellows and Members came prepared to admire and rejoice, but from the many expressions of delight and enthusiasm which reached us, both at the time and later, the reality exceeded the opinions they had formed beforehand.

The days were pre-eminently Fellows' and Members' days, and the President and Members of the Council present wore their Robes and black velvet caps to do honour to their colleagues. The beautiful house came in for a full measure of admiration, and the dignity, beauty, and harmony of its decorations and furnishings. The flowers, which added so much to the appearance of the entrance hall and rooms had been given and arranged by Miss Beatrice Treasure of the Registered Nurses' Society, a Fellow and most enthusiastic supporter of the College and its aims.

But the most noticeable aspect of these days was the spirit of friendship and camaraderie which characterised them, and the delight of the Fellows and Members that here, at last, were Headquarters of their own, worthy of the profession of which they were members, in which they could find rest of body and mind and freedom of spirit, which would interpret to the world their aspirations, and would constantly endeavour to open fresh avenues of knowledge to all in touch with it, and to focus within its walls a storehouse of historical records and literature.

Naturally there found expression also gratitude to the Donor of the Trust Fund who had made this possible, to the Treasurer and Co-trustee—Dr. Bedford Fenwick—the mainspring of it all.

OUR FELLOWS.

WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

We observe, in *The Poor Law Officers Journal* that: "the Atcham Guardians have been considering a recommendation of their Hospital Committee, that Berrington Hospital should become a training school for Nurses.—

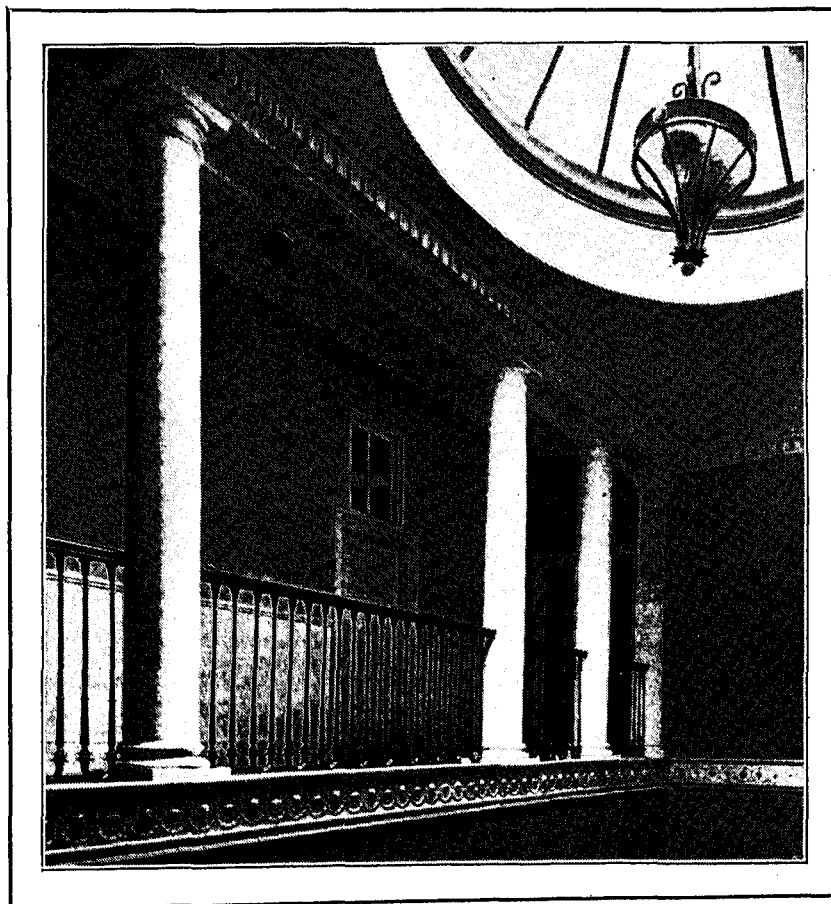
Alderman W. Adams, the Chairman, said that the matter arose from the report of the Berrington Hospital Committee, which explained that preliminary steps had been taken with a view to the training of Probationer Nurses at the Hospital, and that they had engaged Miss Dorothy K. Graham, of the Royal Northern Hospital, to advise on the preparation of a training scheme. Miss Graham, who had attended a meeting of the Committee, advised that the work already done at the Hospital justified application for approval as an affiliated hospital. She presented a training scheme with a list of hospitals to which Berrington might be affiliated. The Committee resolved that the scheme prepared by Miss Graham be recommended for adoption, and that the Clerk apply for affiliation to the City of Westminster Hospital.

The Clerk (Mr. E. P. Everest, Barrister-at-Law) announced that the Hospital had agreed to the affiliation.

The Chairman said that the Hospital Committee had had in their minds from the beginning that it was absolutely necessary that the Hospital should be a training school so far as they could possibly do it, at the earliest date, because it stood to reason they would not be able to keep Probationer Nurses unless they could obtain full qualification. They had the advice of a lady who had had a great deal of experience in that direction, and she recommended that they take Probationer Nurses for the first two years of their training,

and that they should then get in contact with one of the big London hospitals. If the latter part of a Probationer Nurse's training took place in a large hospital, she was far more likely to get qualifications than elsewhere. There was no cost to the Probationer and no cost to the Board, but the Probationer would serve the first two years at the Hospital at Berrington and the remaining portion of the time would be spent in a London Hospital. The report was adopted.

Miss Graham, who is a Fellow of the British College of Nurses, and a Member of its Council, till recently held the position of Sister-Tutor at the Royal Northern Hospital, London, N., and is a highly successful teacher. Boards of Guardians are well advised to consult so experienced an expert.



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