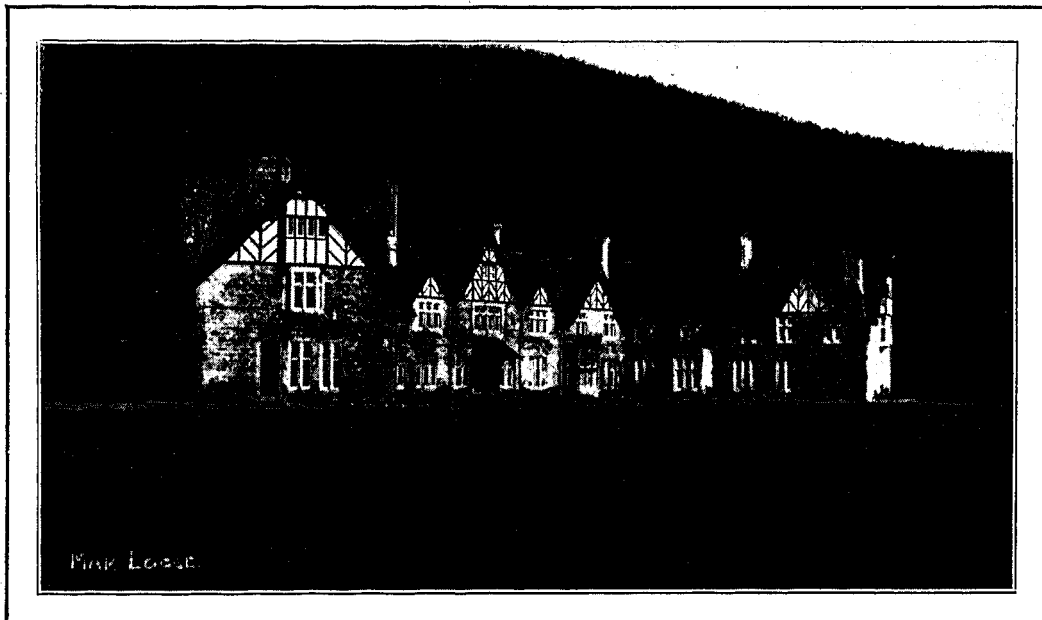


We had a wonderful view of the "yellow green-eyed god." He is built in the form of a turret and with a strangely direct look in his curious eyes which remind us of the Laughing Cavalier of our own Wallace collection. The vibrations of the windscreen over his forehead gave an odd sense of life and movement to the whole thing. Another curious picture was that of the prayer barrels—gilded barrels set in a kind of railing, and as men passed them they gave them a turn which is equivalent to a prayer and is accounted to them for righteousness. In various pictures were shown single mechanical contrivances for saying prayers and one ingenious individual had thought out a clever scheme. He had an open umbrella, attached it to a rotating base; to the umbrella he had fixed many discs (each a prayer) so that with one turn of it he accomplished many prayers and, the lecturer said, "his chances were good for the future life."

Unfortunately we can only give this short account of an exceedingly interesting film that lasted an hour and a quarter. At the close of the lecture, Miss Holmes

anxiety, hard work and care, but "Providence helps those who help themselves," and in 1928 a new problem evolved when the landlord announced his intention of selling the leasehold and gave the Association the first opportunity to come to terms on this. A Sub-Committee and the Executive Committee gave much consideration to various financial statements and proposals on ways and means and, ultimately, they were able to formulate and lay before the Council estimates and schemes for the purchase of the house and to obtain sanction for the Executive Committee to go forward with arrangements for the purchase of the large Headquarters and Club. These proposals involved a loan of eighteen hundred pounds from our bankers, and this year we resolved to make a great effort to repay the last of this in order that we might be able to place on record the fact that we had leased 194, Queen's Gate in 1921 and in 1931 the house had become our own. This we have just accomplished for on December 30th we paid back the last instalment of the loan from the bankers. We still owe £140 to the Helena Benevolent



MAR LODGE.

The Scottish Home of H.R.H. the President Princess Arthur of Connaught, R.R.C., S.R.N., Duchess of Fife.

expressed the thanks of the audience for a very educative and interesting evening.

#### GOOD FORTUNE FOR THE SETTLEMENT FUND.

We have received for the Settlement Fund a most wonderful Christmas gift in the shape of £100 5 per cent. War Stock from Mrs. John Temple; it is especially acceptable this year as we have recently had the Home redecorated and its funds have not quite recovered from that and the rebuilding of a long garden wall. We greatly appreciate the generosity of Mrs. Temple, in sending us such a splendid Christmas gift.

There is a room waiting for an occupant at our Settlement Home, and we shall be glad to hear from any member who wishes to make application for this. Full particulars regarding it can be obtained by writing to the secretary.

#### THE PURCHASE FUND CLOSED.

In 1921, with some trepidation and a somewhat slender banking account, we took over the lease of 194, Queen's Gate; the first few years of the Royal British Nurses' Association's new nursing meant a considerable amount of

Fund, but this does not affect the statement that the house is now our own because the Helena Benevolent Fund and its capital belongs to the Association, although of course we pay interest, upon the loan, to this fund. We therefore are happy in starting off in the New Year with the loan from the bank rolled away, and we thank very warmly all members of the Association who, by their generosity and energy, have helped to clear it, and especially those who have concentrated upon this objective during the past twelve months. We must not forget either that we owe much to the generosity of Mrs. Temple, one of our members, who, although she no longer practises in the profession, never forgets that she is one of us and has contributed most generously from time to time to the "Purchase Fund" which is now closed. It is to be noted that, in connection with our Club, we have not a large endowment as have most other clubs of a similar kind so we have had no income from invested funds to help our efforts on.

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