

LORD MAYOR TRELOAR CRIPPLES' HOSPITAL AND COLLEGE, ALTON, HANTS.

It was with a thrill of adventure that the members of the Administration Class of the British College of Nurses boarded the luxurious Royal Blue Service coach at 11.15 a.m. on Tuesday, April 4th, when they were privileged to visit the Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital and College, Alton, Hants.

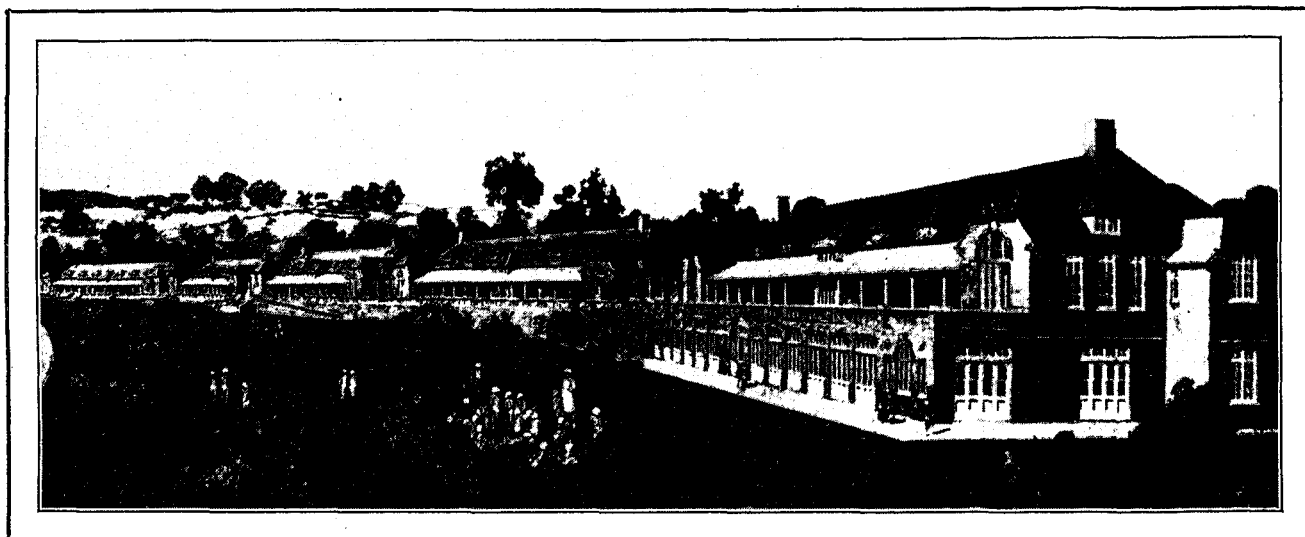
All gathered within, away we sped through some of London's great highways and past her wonderful squares, over Putney Bridge, now twice its original width, through sunny commons and so on until at 12.45 p.m. a halt for lunch by the wayside was called on Esher Common. A gloriously sunny day permitted a seat on the turf a few paces on the heath among the old and springing bracken, where gorse showed promise of a grand display of vivid colour, and colonies of silver birch dangled their tender catkins. Here the contents of luncheon packets were demolished with great relish.

Continuing this lovely journey brought us shortly to the famous Hog's Back. We were indeed fortunate to

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Perspective View of the completed Treloar Cripples' Hospital at Alton.

see from its summit the uninterrupted view of one of England's great vistas, where southern counties in the first flush of Spring spread far and wide, the sight enhanced by a distant haze of purple.

At 2.15 we passed through the gateway of the Lord Mayor Treloar Cripples' Hospital and College, Alton, when our driver was directed along the drive to the terrace steps leading to the Nurses' Home.

The Matron, Miss Janet Robertson, accompanied by Miss A. E. Brown, second Assistant Matron, extended a most warm welcome to the Class. We were immediately conducted to the Nurses' Home (Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home) entering first the Nurses' Recreation-room. This in design resembles a fine room in an old country house, wainscoted in oak, spacious fireplaces at each end, fine overmantels of oak. There are a grand and a cottage piano, leather easy chairs, chesterfields and Turkey rugs harmonising with panelled walls and parquet floor. Here are portraits of Sir William Purdie Treloar, the Founder, by Collier, and of the Treasurer, Sir William Dunn, a former Lord Mayor of London. Engraved on an oak panel in gilt we noticed "Dame Annie Treloar Memorial Scholarship for Nurses." Miss Robertson explained that this scholar-

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An arresting feature in the plan of the Hospital is a fine bust in stone of the Founder, Lord Mayor Sir William Treloar, standing in a semi-circular alcove built above the terrace. Here it was explained that this famous friend and benefactor of cripple children acquired by Act of Parliament the original Hospital, now being demolished, which was built for the soldiers during the Boer War, and which has served so admirably for a long period of years.

The wards are single-storeyed for convenience in dealing with crippled and mostly recumbent children, as well as for safety in case of fire. The lay-out is on clean, straight lines, a great advantage from the engineering side, for bends and curves in pipes encourage furring and increase the power required for distributing the water. Sewerage is simplified. Pipes and cables are conveyed in a large main trench, which is a subway under the cloisters behind the wards, readily accessible in case of breakdown.

Descending to the main terrace we now walk along the cloisters behind the wards, and enter "Connaught Block." In the centre of each ward unit is a passage-way from the

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