

COUNTESS OF LYTTON HOSTEL AND CLUB FOR HOSPITAL NURSES.

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ARRANGEMENTS for the opening of the new hostel and club for hospital nurses have been almost completed at No. 4, Auckland-square, and the club was opened on Thursday, October 1st, when some of the members took up their residence in the hostel. The official opening will be performed by His Excellency the Earl of Lytton, Governor of Bengal, at a date not yet fixed.

The hostel, which is to be called after the Countess of Lytton, owes its origin to a member of the nursing profession, who for many years has understood the needs of Calcutta nurses. The idea originated by her was brought to the notice of the Calcutta League of Women Workers (now the Bengal Presidency Council of Women) and through their instrumentality, and the immense interest, support and enthusiasm given to it by the Countess of Lytton, the scheme has now materialised.

The Countess of Lytton, President of the Women's Council, along with others, realising the need for a club where nurses in the city could meet for social and intellectual recreation, and where some of them could take up residence as well, set on foot various schemes for raising funds starting with a Rupee Fund and followed by the Chinese Fair last December, etc.

The house is at 4, Auckland-square, and is a personal gift to the Countess of Lytton for the use of a Nurses' hostel and club during five years, with a possible extension, or purchase, at the end of that period. The building is situated amidst picturesque surroundings and on the eastern wing of the Square overlooking the tank. It is a spacious building and is, at present, fitted up to provide accommodation for 14 to 16 residential nurses, consisting mostly of single rooms and a few double rooms. Modern baths, geysers and other comforts have been carefully studied and provided for. Besides residential quarters, there is a dining room, where non-resident members may also obtain meals at a reasonable cost.

For the members of the club, of whom 40 per cent. will be reserved for professional women, there is a lounge and verandah with a southern aspect, where papers and periodicals will be provided, and there is a Silence Room for those who want to read or write undisturbed. There is a very spacious garden with two good tennis courts. The social membership is open to all hospital nurses, and it is expected that the club will provide a meeting-place for many of them.

The furnishings and fittings of the club and hostel have been carried out with admirable taste. Miss O'Farrell, Secretary, is in charge of the hostel and club."

Membership will be open to—

- (1) Hospital trained nurses holding recognised diplomas of training.
- (2) Nurses in hospital under training.
- (3) Professional and business women (eligible for social membership only).

The charges will be as follows :—

(1) *Entrance Fee* :—

For all members Rs. 10.

(This fee is payable on election or in two instalments of Rs. 5 on election, and Rs. 5 within six months.)

(2) *Subscriptions* :—

Nurses under training in hospitals .. Re. 1 per month.

Country members " 1 "

All other members Rs. 3 "

(3) *Tariff* :—

Single Room with full board inclusive from Rs. 120 "

Double Room with full board inclusive

(each person) from " 100 "

Single Room without board " 80 "

Double Room without board (each person) " 60 "

Room with full board inclusive " 5 per day.

Room without board " 3 "

N.B.—All charges are inclusive of lights, fans and servants.

Meals :—

Cup of Tea 2 annas.

Chota Hazri 4 "

„ with eggs 8 "

Breakfast 12 "

Lunch 12 "

Tea with bread and butter 4 "

Tea with bread and butter and cakes 8 "

Dinner 1 rupee.

There is no Bureau in connection with club.

Resident nurses to supply their own bedroom linen.