

THE HALL AND GALLERY.

and Mr. Cavendish Bentinck's collections were being broken up and disposed of to other art-lovers.

The apartment which used to be known as the Billiard Room in Mr. Bower's time, has been converted by Mr. James into a luxurious Smoking Room, divided by an oak arcade from the large new Billiard Room, which is lighted from the roof.

West Dean Park is one of the English country seats entirely lighted by electricity. This, of course, very much diminishes the danger of fire, and in the matter of electric light fittings, as in everything else, admirable taste is clearly shown. It is no easy matter to adapt so modern an illuminant to a mansion which, though only a hundred years old, is filled with treasures, dating in some cases from the sixteenth century. The difficulty has, however, been successfully surmounted, and the great rooms look as well by night as they do by day, though, of course, only in gleaming sunlight are the beauties of the garden and the park seen to best advantage.

Very lovely is the arboretum, filled with rare and wonderful trees and plants. With a