

the past. The clinical material available for training purposes at the London Hospital is second to none. We congratulate the Matron that she will now be able to utilise this to greater advantage, especially in the case of gynaecological work; we congratulate the nurses on the more thorough training they will receive, and, especially, we congratulate the patients that the proportion of experienced staff nurses in the wards, both on day and night duty, will be greater than heretofore, and that presumably the Sisters will be selected from the three years' certificated nurses. Lastly we congratulate the Chairman of the London Hospital on having realised the necessity for this act of justice.

In the past Governors of Hospitals have been able, to a great extent, to dictate terms to their employees, who have been unorganised, and consequently unable to do any collective bargaining. Nurses are, however, now showing that they are alive to the necessity for combination, and, with the prospect of the establishment of a General Nursing Council for the good government of the profession, and the organisation of the nurses themselves in a trade union, juster contracts of service will be secured in the future.

#### AT THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, BRADFORD.

There was a large gathering of people interested in the welfare and progress of the scheme for a new Infirmary at Bradford at the formal opening of Field House as a hostel for night nurses and a preliminary training school, by the Lord Mayor on Wednesday, December 3rd. This is one of the houses on the estate purchased some years ago by the Board of Management for the erection of a new Infirmary, and was used during the war as an auxiliary hospital. Since it was closed last June it has been refitted and furnished to accommodate twenty-four nurses, a Sister-in-Charge, and the necessary domestic staff.

Although quite convenient for the tram service, it is beautifully situated overlooking the city, and stands in its own extensive grounds. The house, which was the residence of the late Mr. Isaac Smith, is most spacious and beautifully designed. The large hall, panelled with mahogany, and fine staircase, make a delightful lounge. The fascinating music room, with heads of composers and instruments of music depicted in stained glass and panelling, with French windows leading on to the terrace, is now the nurses' sitting room. The dining

room has been retained for its original use, and will also be used as a recreation and lecture room. The library has been set apart as a class-room for demonstrations in practical nursing, and the drawing room is used by the Sister-Tutor in charge as office and sitting-room. The other rooms have been converted into bedrooms, furnished with oak Duchesse sets and roomy cupboards, and the floors covered with linoleum and rugs. The rooms are provided with fixed basins and hot and cold water, and good bathroom and lavatory accommodation has been added. The house is centrally heated, and every care has been taken to make the nurses comfortable.

The extra accommodation provided is sufficient for the entire night staff, which has been increased to allow each nurse to have a weekly night off duty, and to provide extra probationers for the busy wards; and also for the necessary number of pupils to maintain the full complement of the nursing staff.

The pupils will enter for a course of two to three months, paying a fee of £5. No uniform will be necessary, as they will be provided with white overalls and caps. The syllabus will include all elementary nursing, bandaging, padding and preparation of splints, surgical appliances and dressings, sick room cookery, care of linen and stores. Lectures will also be given in Hygiene, Anatomy, Physiology, and Nursing Ethics, with instruction in note-taking, and answering of examination questions. Practical nursing experience will be given in the wards at the Infirmary under the direct supervision of the Sister-Tutor.

The night nurses are already in residence, and eight pupils have been accepted for preliminary training in January. Miss H. Mills is Sister-Tutor; she was trained at Leicester Royal Infirmary, where she had experience in the training of pupil nurses in addition to holding appointments as Ward and Out-patients' Sister, and later Night Sister at Salop Royal Infirmary.

We heartily congratulate Miss Jessie Davies, the Matron, on this fine step forward in nursing organisation, and hope under the department of Nursing Ethics pupils will be well grounded in Nursing History. The four volumes of "A History of Nursing," by Professor Adelaide Nutting and Miss Lavinia L. Dock, price £2 10s. the set, can be obtained from G. P. Putnam's Sons, 24, Bedford Street, Strand, London, W.C. 2.

This History, containing as it does a wealth of information, should be accessible to every pupil nurse.

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