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accompanying pictures of the Nurses' Sitting Room at the Royal Northern Hospital prepared for the State Examination from *Progress*, the Journal of the Royal Northern Group of Hospitals which publishes the above account.

The Royal Northern Hospital (formerly the Great Northern Central Hospital) has for many years ranked high as a Training School for Nurses, and it is with pleasure we note that it is in the forefront now that the examination of nurses is conducted under State authority.

Nothing is more remarkable after 30 years' struggle for the organisation of Nursing, and the State Registration of Nurses, than the way in which opposition has subsided, and hospital authorities have fallen into line and are supporting the work of the General Nursing Councils.

THE NEXT EXAMINATION.

The next Preliminary and Final State Examinations of Nurses held under the authority of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales will, if a sufficient demand is shown, be held at the following centres:—London, Portsmouth, Norwich, Birmingham, Swansea, Bristol, Plymouth, Liverpool, Manchester, Sheffield, Nottingham, Carlisle, Newcastle, and Leeds. The written part of the Preliminary Examination will be held on Monday, May 17th, and the written part of the Final Examinations will be held on Tuesday May 18th. On the day of the written paper each candidate will be notified of the place, date and time of her Oral and Practical Examination.

Application forms may be obtained from the Registrar, General Nursing Council for England and Wales, 20, Portland Place, London, W.1. Monday, March 15th is the last date for applying for these forms of entry, and Monday, March 22nd, the last date for the return of the completed forms.

CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT NURSING IN LONDON.

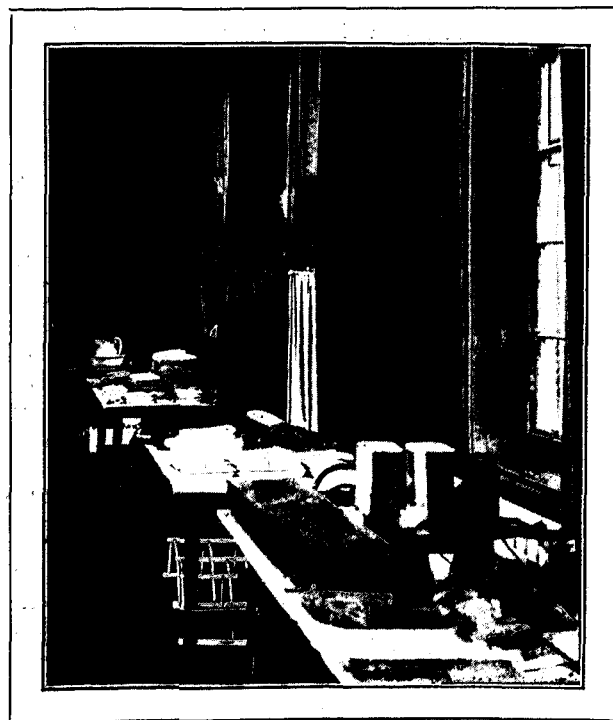
Sir William Collins, F.R.C.S., Chairman of the Central Council for District Nursing in London, presided at the Annual Meeting, held on February 25th, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Victoria Embankment,

E.C. The Report stated that the Trustees of the London Parochial Charities had kindly renewed their contribution of £100 for the provision of bursaries for Midwifery training to be awarded to nurses in federated associations who were prepared to undertake midwifery or maternity nursing in London. Three nurses entered for training during the year, making a total of nineteen trained in this way since the grants were first made. The Trustees have also again generously entrusted the Council with £2,060 for distribution and £500 for its administrative work.

The Council has again taken steps to complete the service of district nursing in the County of London itself, and reports that the number of streets now remaining without any provision is small. A new Association has begun work in Norwood, and certain existing Associations have extended their borders. A particularly cheering episode is recorded in the fact that the Southgate Nursing Association found themselves in a position to repay the whole of the grant originally awarded for extending their work to a particularly poor area. When the final instalment of £50 was sent the hope was expressed "that the £50 will be of service to some other needy district, even as it was to us in our early days. We are able now to stand on our feet, and we are glad to be able to help your Council in its good work."

As the finance of the Council has given rise to some anxiety it is with pleasure we note a donation of £500 from the Executors of the late Mr. Alfred de Rothschild, and a legacy from Mr. George McBain of £100. With a view to obtaining definite information with regard to the need for further nurses in London, a census has been prepared, together with a statement by Sir Arthur Newsholme, showing that considerably increased numbers of nurses appear to be needed if the whole of London is to be suitably nursed; yet the Associations are all hardly pressed to find the funds necessary to carry on existing services, and if extension is to be made greatly increased financial support is required.

The question of pensions for nurses was brought up by Mr. M. A. Green as a matter of urgency. He referred to conferences held under the authority of King Edward's Fund on this subject, and also to a scheme promulgated last year by Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute.



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