

ON Thursday evening, January 23rd, notwithstanding the storm, a large and enthusiastic audience gathered in the Amphitheatre of the Toronto General Hospital, to witness the distribution of certificates and badges to the Nurses belonging to the graduating class of 1895. The programme was interesting and varied, and consisted of music, recitations and addresses. The address to the graduating class was delivered by Dr. Irving H. Cameron, one of the visiting Surgeons of the Hospital, and for many years one of the examiners for the school.

The class, numbering twenty-three, appeared in uniform and occupied seats on the ground floor, while the remainder of the school sat in the crescent-shaped gallery seats just behind them. The uniform is very neat and becoming, and consists of dresses of light blue, white apron, cap, collar and cuffs. A fichu of thin white muslin, fastened in front with a small silver pin, is the distinguishing mark of a graduate.

The following is a list of the graduates for 1895. Miss Sniveley's report contained the following items of interest:—During the year 620 applications have been received; from this number sixty-two were selected and allowed to enter on probation; thirty-two were accepted and enrolled as members of the school. There are fifty-six pupil Nurses and four graduate Nurses in the school, and the total number of graduates is 230. The following have received appointments during the past year:—Miss Anna Bartle, Supt., Eaglewood Hospital, Ill.; Miss Ella Thorne, Supt., Sudbury Hospital, Ont.; Miss L. McLelland, Supt., Sudbury Private Hospital, Ont.; Miss Mary Falkiner, Supt., Woodstock Hospital, Ont.; Miss Jessie Duncan, Lady Supt., Berlin Hospital, Ont.; Miss Ida Sharpe, Asst. Supt., Homœopathic Hospital, Brooklyn; Misses Jennie Halliday and Lizzie McDonald, Private Hospital, Los Angeles, Cal.; Miss Edith Dunn, Head Nurse, Woodstock Hospital; Miss Pauline McDougall, Head Nurse, Brockville Hospital; Miss Minnie Clarke, Head Nurse, Pavilion, Toronto General Hospital; Miss Annie Haigh, City Mission Work, Paris, Ont.

The exercises were concluded by singing the National Anthem, and all the guests were invited to partake of refreshments, which had been prepared and were served in the Nurses' Home. The entertainment was most satisfactory

throughout, and was admitted by all to be the most interesting of any ever held in the Institution.

Class of 1895:—Miss Mima Gordon, Orillia, Ont.; Miss Mary Burt, Hillsburgh; Miss Jessie M. Porte, Toronto Junction; Miss Annie Brown, Grahamsville; Miss Emma Hall, London, Ont.; Miss Matilda Craig, Kingston; Miss Annie I. Brown, Gravenhurst; Miss Annie Lennox, Toronto; Miss Florence N. Davis, Cayuga; Miss Harriet Thompson, Malvern; Miss Ella A. Wood, Toronto; Miss Emma Parmenter, Toronto, Ont.; Miss Mary C. Stewart, Britannia, Ont.; Miss Bridget Kennedy, Toronto; Miss Sarah E. Bliss, Compton, Que.; Miss Ethel A. Bayly, Toronto; Miss Adela A. Drew, Ottawa; Miss Jessie Christie, Toronto; Miss Helen Flett, Mt. Forest; Miss Lucy Bowerman, Napanee; Miss Virginia M. Taylor, Collingwood; Miss Margaret M. Campbell, Toronto; Miss Elizabeth G. Flaws, Toronto.

This custom in vogue in Canada and the States, of inviting the Governors and friends of the Hospitals to which Training Schools for Nurses are attached; to a public ceremony, when all those Nurses who have passed through the prescribed curriculum of education and term of training, are awarded the certificate and often badges of efficiency, is one which is calculated to increase the real interest of the Hospital authorities in their pupils, and we could wish that our English schools would follow this excellent example.

WHILE thoroughly appreciating the progressive tone taken by some of the American Nursing papers, we would deprecate the custom some of these professional journals have of speaking of so many "young ladies" receiving their training at such and such a Hospital, and "the young ladies dressed in uniform," &c. It is so much more professional and advanced to speak of them as women, and in reality much more complimentary in a country where "a coloured lady comes to do the washing for white trash," and where advertisements daily appear that "a lady wishes to do the cooking in a respectable family," or a "scrub lady," or "wash lady" requires employment at two dollars a day.

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