

Lectures and classes have been conducted regularly throughout the year. The lecturers have been Drs. R. A. Rieve, A. H. Wright, A. McPhedraw, Charles Sheard, Allen Baines, G. A. Peters, A. Primrose, G. A. Bingham, G. Wishart, F. N. G. Starr, H. A. Bruce, R. Rudolf, H. B. Hamilton, Harold Parsons, Arthur Small, and D. McGillioray, the examiners still being Drs. A. H. Wright, R. B. Nevill, and Allen Baines.

Our visiting staff, ever a strong bulwark of support, have given practical evidence of their interest in the school, not only by words of kindness and encouragement, but by their active service as lecturers and examiners, extending over a long period of years. Our administration desires to place on record their great appreciation of the service rendered by these gentlemen, who, notwithstanding the great demands made upon them professionally, have always most cheerfully expended additional time and strength in forwarding the educational interests of the school.

The School has been the recipient of thoughtful consideration from Mrs. R. B. Hamilton, who provided chandeliers for the parlours in the Home, Dr. J. F. W. Ross books for the library, and Miss Gilfoy ice-cream. A friend of a member of the graduating class also purposes expending the sum of \$100 in embellishing the proposed nurses' home, the need for which has necessarily materially increased rather than decreased since our last annual meeting.

To meet the ever increasing demand for special nursing during the past year, has taxed the resources and strength of the school to a much greater extent than in any previous year, owing, no doubt, to the continued increase in the number of private ward patients nursed in our hospital.

At times graduate nurses have been found who have been willing to undertake this work, but, as frequently happens, the demand is made when no such nurse is available, consequently the only alternative has been to deplete the working staff on the wards in order to supply the deficiency, and this often at great sacrifice.

During the year the school has done 352 days or nights of special nursing, and where special nurses have been supplied to private ward patients the school has necessarily contributed something to the hospital revenue.

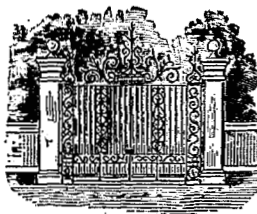
In order to overtake this work, and at the same time fulfil our obligations to our nurses in point of holidays, it became necessary to ask for additional help during the summer months. It is a satisfaction to be able to report that there has been contributed in this way, approximately, about \$150 to \$175 over and above the sum expended for extra help during the holiday season. In concluding this report, the authorities desire most cordially to express gratitude to all who have contributed by word or deed to the pleasure, comfort, growth or encouragement of the school.

M. A. SNIVELEY.

Members of the Matrons' Council are always interested to know what progress is being made by their colleagues in other countries. It is, therefore, with much pleasure that we publish the Annual Report of the Toronto Nurse Training School, of which Miss Mary Agnes Snively, an Honorary Member of the Matrons' Council, is Superintendent. We could wish that the Matrons of Nurse Training Schools in this country presented Annual Reports of the work done during the year.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



It has been definitely settled to build a Women's Rowton House. At first Lord Rowton's Company refused to take up the proposal when a body of earnest women approached them on the subject, but it is now probable that they will act. Whether they do or not,

a Women's Rowton House is certain to be provided before long. A sum of £50,000 has been guaranteed for the venture, and a strong committee of ladies will supervise the work and assist in the management of the establishment.

Lord George Hamilton, like so many weak men, fears the intellectual and political development of women. He preened himself right royally at the Annual Meeting of the London Municipal Society, held at the Constitutional Club, that women had been ruled out of all local government in London. He explained as his reason for such ungenerous action that he believed that those who proposed that women should enter local government were really aiming at establishing the principle that women in political matters were on the same equality as men. If they had been permitted to become alderwomen, in course of time they would have become mayors; and soon they would have been clamouring at the door of the House of Commons.

Lord George is probably well justified in his fears, as with Cromwellian common sense, once inside those sacred precincts women would, no doubt, speedily remove such "baubles" as men of the type of his lordship!

To the list of honours gained by women in the London University B.A. examination announced the other day have now to be added some further distinctions won in the examinations for the degree of B.Sc. Two women take honours, one in Botany and one in Zoology. In the pass list, out of eleven names in the first division, three are those of women. In the second division, women secure five places out of thirty-four.

At a social meeting of London members in Kensington Miss Kilgour, of the Women's Local Government Society, and Miss Alice Zimmern, delegate of the Association to the Educational Committee of the N.U. W.W., urged the necessity of securing the presence of women on the educational bodies to be created under the Board of Education Act of 1899, which will come into force on April 1st, 1900. Since these bodies will be concerned with the education of girls as well as of boys, it was pointed out that it would be of great importance that when these authorities were constituted a certain number of women should be members of them. Though the Act itself does not mention women as eligible to be members of the Consultative Committee, the reply to a memorial addressed by the association to the Lord President of the Council in July last, maintained that there was nothing in the Act as it stands to prevent women from being appointed to the committee.

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