

contingent will be substituted. In incipient cases, the patient may then be sent to a Sanatorium, a grant of £700 being placed at the disposal of the Committee by the City Council for this purpose. In more advanced cases it is hoped that the instruction given will result in life being prolonged, and in obviating dangers to which relatives are so often needlessly exposed.

A new Home for the Nurses of the Lowestoft Maternity and District Nursing Association, of whom Miss Burley is Matron, was opened recently in Old Nelson Street, North Lowestoft, by Miss Cockburn, who has given £500 towards its cost.

The Graduating Exercises of the Nurses at the General Hospital, Toronto, Canada, always the occasion of a very pleasant function, took place last month in the amphitheatre of the institution, when Mr. J. W. Flavelle, presided, and President Falconer, of the University of Toronto, presented the diplomas and badges.

The School is most fortunate in having for so many years had the advantage of the services of Miss M. Agnes Snively as Lady Superintendent, and one of the most interesting features of the graduating ceremony is the report of the Training School presented by the Superintendent. In the course of her Report this year Miss Snively said:

The work of the Hospital has been extremely arduous throughout the entire year, the number of operations alone amounting to 1,641.

Although the practical part of a nurse's experience is gained by daily nursing attendance upon patients suffering from a great variety of disabilities and ailments, the knowledge acquired by them, by means of demonstrations, classes, clinics, and lectures, can hardly be over-estimated.

In addition to the usual studies taken up year by year, clinical lectures have this year been provided for nurses in the intermediate year, and nurses in the junior year have been given some experience in practical dispensing.

Time has also been found for 192 demonstrations and 65 classes by the Superintendent of the school and her assistants, and 116 classes and 14 examinations by members of the visiting and house staff.

The above is one of the distinguishing marks and characteristics of the modern or trained nurse. She is trained or taught what to do, how to do it, and why and when it is necessary to do, or not to do, many things.

Miss Snively also recorded that the year had been a notable one by the addition of four scholarships to be awarded for proficiency, three of 50 dollars each, and one of 25 dollars.

Reflections.

The managing body of the King Edward's Hospital Fund has issued a circular to the hospitals of London reminding them of the resolution sanctioned by the General Council in 1903:—"That in future any new hospital, or those reconstructing or extending to a considerable extent, within the area dealt with by the Fund, be requested, before taking definite action, to submit their proposals to the Fund." The circular sets forth the full purport and intention of this resolution, and among other points states that the information submitted to the fund should include the following:—

(1) Reasons and considerations which have led to the formulation of the proposals.

(2) The nature of the proposals, with an outline sketch which may be necessary in order to make clear the main features of the site and buildings, but not detailed architects' plans unless specially asked for.

(3) The amount of accommodation proposed to be provided, or other increase or modification of the work of the institution; compared so far as may be necessary with particulars of the present work.

(4) The rental and tenure of the site or buildings.

(5) The estimated cost of the proposals.

(6) The resources from which it is anticipated the cost may be met.

(7) The prospect of the provision for the increase (if any) in the cost of maintenance.

(8) The approximate dates of the beginning and completion of the work.

Similar information is requested from the promoters of new hospitals who may contemplate an application to the fund in the future. But it is pointed out that the fund does not assist in the foundation of new hospitals or entertain applications for grants from hospitals that have not been in existence in a properly-constituted form for a period of at least three years.

The beautiful new Out-patient Department presented to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., by Mr. W. W. Astor, in memory of his daughter, Gwendolen Enid, and which has cost £50,000, was informally opened on Thursday last week. A fountain in coloured marble is to be erected in the large waiting-hall bearing the inscription: "In memory of Gwendolen Enid Astor, who died on 11th September, 1902, aged eight years, the out-patients' wing of this hospital was erected in the year 1906 by her father, William Waldorf Astor."

Mr. Charles Barry, the architect, has designed a most commodious building on scientific lines, with due regard for the special requirements not only of the medical staff, but of the large daily assemblages of women and their children who have to wait their turn for succour. On entering the building, the patients are divided, the infectious cases pass into isolation rooms, while the less serious cases are at once attended to by the casual medical officer, and the more serious ones are separated for medical

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