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THE TRAINED NURSE IN WESTERN CANADA.

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Winnipeg, the gateway of Western Canada, boasts of many fine public buildings and institutions. This comparatively infant city of the prairies has the widest streets, the most imposing railroad depots, the most luxurious hotel, and one of the most up-to-date hospitals in the Dominion of Canada. It is of the Training School for Nurses in connection with the pital. The instruction of the young women who volunteer their services in caring for its patients is carried on under the capable supervision of the Lady Superintendent.

The theoretical work is obtained from lectures, demonstrations and classes; the practical work in the hospital wards and the Margaret Scott Nursing Mission. The latter is district work.

The hospital training includes nursing in medical and surgical wards, maternity, children's wards, eye and ear, and the outdoor departments. Even the uninitiated can see that the course is comprehensive. The hospital



THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, WINNIPEG.

Winnipeg General Hospital and the opportunities that Western Canada has for the trained nurse that I wish to write.

The popularity and efficiency of this Training School is substantially attested by the erection at the present time of a fifty thousand dollar addition. The structure in use at the time of writing accommodates over one hundred nurses. It was thought large enough when it was opened, about four years ago, to cope with the demands that would be made on it for a decade. But the Board of the General Hospital found it necessary to spend half-amillion dollars providing accommodation for the sick, and the many new wards mean another hundred nurses will be required.

The training of nurses is considered one of the chief duties of the Winnipeg General Hosmaintains a splendidly equipped diet kitchen in charge of a graduate dietetist, who gives lessons in invalid cookery to all the students.

Well-educated women are a necessity in the nursing profession, and there is no place in the world that offers them as sure prosperity. The reputation of the Winnipeg General Hospital nurse has spread over the Continent, and she is to be found in New York's finest institutions, in the Sanatoriums of California, and all over Western Canada. One of the graduates is a lecturer on Hospital Economics in the Teachers' College, which is affiliated with the Columbia University of New York City. As our great prairie country develops the people recognize the need of hospitals, and the building of these means a call for a graduate nurse as Superintendent.



