

REPORT FOR 1895.

To the Board of Commissioners,
Department of Public Charities and Correction.

HON. HENRY H. PORTER, President.

DEAR SIR,—Before closing my report of the New York City Training School, I beg to submit a short supplementary report of the City Hospital Male Training School, which is also under my Superintendency.

We find in this School a more thorough sifting process necessary in order to obtain the desirable element out of which to make a Nurse. Since June of last year twenty-four young men have been admitted on probation; of these, eleven have been retained as satisfactory, nine were dismissed or dropped from the roll during the probationary period or shortly after, and four resigned, not liking the work. Some of our best Nurses on the male side are the young men who intend to make Nursing a stepping-stone to the medical profession. They are ambitious and willing to learn, and by combining class instruction with practical work in the wards, we interest them in their patients' welfare, and in this way they accomplish much good work.

During the past year several improvements in the School have been worked out. A reference library of fifty-two volumes has been kindly contributed by the Visiting Staff of the Hospital. A reading room has been provided. Bi-weekly classes have been regularly given throughout the year, and several lectures were delivered by the visiting physicians and surgeons of the Hospital. By the kindness of the House Surgeons, *post-mortem* instruction has been given in the Mortuary.

Hand in hand with this theoretical instruction the practical training has gone on in the wards. As a result, beds are better made, patients are better cared for, and the men are gradually learning that "training" means a constant repetition, a constant attention to details, and a constant willingness both to see and to do, all the little services incidental in the proper care of the sick.

An improvement in the Nurses' dietary has been brought about by arranging that the Supervising Nurse shall live in the Hospital and be responsible for the male Nurses' dining room service.

Since the School was organized, eight years ago, forty-six men have graduated; of these, six are now practising medicine, five are at present attending Medical Schools, twenty-six are engaged in Nursing, and nine have returned to their former employments.

At present date we have the full corps of twenty-two young men in the School; seven of these are in their second year, ten are in their first year, and five are Probationers not yet accepted. Eight men have graduated within the past year.

When graduated, the Nurses of the School charge five dollars per day at private Nursing, and there is a limited demand for their services.

The rules of the School, with the Circular of Information, which I herewith annex, will give additional detailed information.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUISE DANCHE,
Superintendent.

June 5th. 1895.

Obituary.

MUCH sympathy has been expressed by the staff of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, at the death of Nurse Margaret Evans, which occurred on April 12th from typhoid fever, contracted while nursing a patient.

Nurse Evans entered the Hospital in February, 1891. After receiving her certificate she remained on the private nursing staff until a vacancy should take place among the Charge Nurses in the Hospital. She was the senior Nurse on the roll for promotion, which, however, she did not live to receive.

The funeral took place at Gilfilan, South Wales, on Friday, April 17th. At the same hour a Service, consisting of part of the burial office, was held in the Hospital Chapel, and was largely attended by members of the committee, staff, and Nurses.

The Reverend the President in a short address said: "We are met to mourn one of our members that has been called to rest in the midst of her labours. Nurse Margaret Evans has gone, but she has left us a bright example. It was not only her professional skill, but also the warmth of her heart, her deep sympathy, her bright, kindly manners that endeared her to her patients, and to all with whom she came in contact. Truly she had learnt how high and noble is the office of a Nurse, which combines skill with the heart of a truly Christian woman."

GREAT sorrow has been caused at the General Hospital, Birmingham, by the death of Sister Nix, which occurred on the morning of April 29th, after twelve years' service. Sister Nix received her training at the General Hospital, and for the last eight years held the post of Sister of a large medical ward. She had endeared herself to everyone with whom she worked, and her loss will be keenly felt. On Saturday morning (April 25th) she was taken suddenly ill, and on Monday a serious operation had to be performed, but it was found that only temporary relief could be given. The first part of the burial service in the Hospital chapel on Friday last was taken by the Chaplain (Rev. Stanley G. Collier). A large number of the Honorary Visiting Staff were present, as well as the House Governor, Matron, residents, as many of the Nursing Staff as could be spared from the wards, and several former residents and students. At the conclusion of this part of the service and during the playing of the "Dead March" in *Saul* the congregation filed out, and most of them entered the carriages in waiting, and drove to the Uplands Cemetery, Smethwick,

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