

only hope of justice for the members must be sought in legal proceedings. Consequently, Miss Breay brought an action against Sir James Crichton-Browne in the City of London Court, alleging that he had acted maliciously and wrongfully towards her, in his position of Chairman of the Annual Meeting. The Jury, without any hesitation, found a verdict in her favour, that is to say, they adopted her view of the Chairman's conduct; but the Judge informed them that they could not award Miss Breay more than one farthing damages, as she had suffered no pecuniary injury, and indeed her Counsel had explicitly stated that she did not seek for money, but only a vindication of her rights. The Judge, after careful consideration, accepted the verdict of the Jury and entered judgment for Miss Breay, with costs on the higher scale. Sir James Crichton-Browne appealed against this judgment, and the case was heard before Justices Wills and Wright, on Tuesday last. They allowed the appeal, but Mr. Justice Wright went so far as to say that Miss Breay had suffered a wrong, and he suggested a mode of legal procedure whereby she might find a legal remedy for that wrong. What course Miss Breay's legal advisers may take remains to be seen; for the Judges refused her Counsel leave to appeal. But we may, at once, say that Sir James Crichton-Browne's conduct in refusing to allow Miss Breay to move a vote of censure upon himself and his fellow officials upon a quibble—which was moreover proved to be untrue—strikes at the root of all liberty and justice in the Nurses' Association, and reflects, in our judgment, the gravest discredit upon himself—as, indeed, a Jury of his countrymen have already found. We receive the Judges' decision on the point of law with all respect; but we consider that Miss Breay has performed a public duty of the greatest importance in contesting so novel and important a point of law, and we congratulate her upon the complete support which her action received from the Jury who heard the evidence and saw both her and Sir James Crichton-Browne in the witness box. Miss Breay has, however, to bear the whole great cost and expense of her vindication of the rights of the members of the Association, and equally of the rights of all who take part in public meetings. We, therefore, suggest to our readers that all who value these rights should subscribe towards defraying the heavy expenses to which Miss Breay has been put. We shall be glad, ourselves, to commence the subscription by a donation of £10 10s., and shall be pleased to hear from our readers on the matter.

Toronto General Hospital.

REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONVOCATION EXERCISES OF THE TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

A LARGE and representative audience gathered in the Amphitheatre of the Toronto General Hospital, on Friday evening, November 20th, to witness the distribution of certificates and badges to the graduating class for 1896.

The twenty-one Nurses, dressed in the pretty blue and white uniform of the school, who were placed in the semi-circular seats on the floor of the Amphitheatre, were evidently the graduating class, while the remainder of the school occupied the elevated seats immediately behind them.

This arrangement was at once impressive, as well as attractive, and those who entered were indeed confronted with a pleasant and unique spectacle. Sixty Nurses with happy expectant faces greeted them, while others of their number played various selections on the piano, while the guests were assembling.

The Amphitheatre had been prettily decorated for the occasion, dainty curtains hanging over the doorway, a piano, pretty tables and rugs gracing the room as well.

The chair was occupied by Mr. W. S. Lee, President of the Board. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dr. Milligan, after which the Rev. Louis Jordan addressed the class on the possibilities for good connected with the profession that they had chosen. He urged them to bring the element of love into their work, as it might be their lot to accomplish at the sick bed what the minister had been unable to accomplish in the pulpit.

Miss Snively's report contained the following items of interest. The course of training had been extended to three years. The object of this change was to improve the character of the Nursing in the Hospital, as well as make the Nurses more efficient, intelligent and self-reliant, and as far as possible develop in them executive and administrative qualities.

There had been 590 applicants for admission into the Training School this year; 28 of these were accepted and enrolled as pupils. There

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