

and Children. A satisfactory Report was presented, and the purchase of Bruntsfield Lodge, which is to be fitted up as the new hospital at a cost of £5,000, was announced. Miss Stevenson, in moving the adoption of the Report, spoke appreciatively of the work done by the dispensary.

We are sorry to learn that the Governors of the Bristol Royal Infirmary met recently to authorise the sale of a portion of their invested funds. They have recently built a new Nurses' Home, at a cost of nearly £8,000, and a laundry costing £1,500. The large proportion of the money so spent has been borrowed from the bank, the Committee paying interest upon it. It was decided to realise £8,000. It is to be regretted that in a wealthy city like Bristol such a course should be necessary. Let us hope that even now some generous citizen or citizens will come forward and give the required sum.

Colonel W. P. Warburton, M.D. Edin., C.S.I., has been appointed Superintendent of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, in the place of the late Surgeon-Major General Lithgow. Colonel Warburton had great experience in administrative work while attached to the Indian Medical Service, from which he has now retired. For nearly two years he was superintendent of the Central and District Jails, Thuggee School of Industry, and Female Penitentiary at Lahore, one of the largest charges of the kind in India, with upwards of 2,500 prisoners. For more than 17 years he was medical officer to the important native State of Kapurthala, where he organised the Medical and Vaccination Departments, and introduced registration of births and deaths; for seven months principal medical officer of the Assam Military District, as well as Sanitary Commissioner and Inspector-General of Hospitals, of Civil Hospitals of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and he officiated as Director-General of the Indian Medical Service for nearly three months at the time of the Plague Conference at Venice in 1897, to which the Director-General was deputed to represent the Government of India.

Et Rest.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Mrs. Currie, the President of the Manchester Midwives' Society, at the early age of thirty-two. Mrs. Currie was not only President, but Founder, Organizer, and Secretary of this society; and was well-fitted for the position she held. As a midwife she possessed the qualifications of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, the London Obstetrical Society, and the Glasgow Public Dispensary. She also studied midwifery and gynaecology at Queen Margaret's College School of Medicine for Women, University of Glasgow, and also possessed a certificate of training in medical and surgical nursing. She was an honorary member of the *Syndicat des Sages Femmes de France*; and a Fellow of the Society of Sciences, Letters and Arts, of London. Her early death is deeply deplored by the members of the Society to whom she had greatly endeared herself, and who appreciated the constant efforts of their President to raise the English midwife to a higher standard than that at present required of her. Mrs. Currie was buried at Edinburgh, which city was also her birthplace.

Our Foreign Letter.

REPORT OF THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES

For the Year ending September 30th, 1899.



I have the honour to present the 18th Annual Report of the School for Nurses connected with this Hospital. A total of 550 applications have been re-

ceived during this year; fourteen of these having completed satisfactorily their period of probation, were enrolled as pupils; five have been dropped from the roll; there are at present seven graduate nurses and sixty-four pupil nurses in the school, 17 of the latter constitute the graduating class of this year—the first class to graduate since the inauguration of the three years' course. The examining board have expressed the opinion that the nurses of this class seem to know their work better than in previous years, consequently we may conclude that while the hospital has undoubtedly profited, the additional year has also been of service to the nurses as well.

Possibly it may be advisable to explain that while all of this class have successfully passed their final examination, only two have completed their practical training. The remaining fifteen, therefore, will continue on duty in the hospital for a period varying from one to five months from this date.

Our graduates now number 304, the following of whom have received appointments during the year. In our own hospital:—Miss Mary Dougal, assistant superintendent; Miss Eliza Gordon, head nurse emergency branch; Margaret Watson, head nurse Pavilion; Ida McNabb, head nurse private wards; Annie L. Sutherland, head nurse Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Nellie Stoves, head nurse Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Mass.; Mimna Milne (one of the graduating class of this year), Home Missionary, Regina, N.W.I.; Rachael Hanna, sent out by the Victorian Order to the Klondike; Emily Chilman, lady superintendent General Hospital, Stratford, Ont.; Bella Peters, lady superintendent Dr. Stone's Private Sanatorium, Parry Sound, Ont.; Elizabeth Flaws, General Hospital, Kingston, Ont.; Ida Sharpe, superintendent of nurses City Hospital, Trenton, New Jersey.

It is with deep regret we record the death of two of our graduates. Mary Burt, wife of Rev. J. Haines, of Leith class of 1895, of tuberculosis, and Mary Phillips, of Newmarket class of 1896, who was drowned in the Moon River, Muskoka, while endeavouring to establish the health of a nervous patient whom she had been nursing for six months previously. In the death of Miss Phillips the school has lost one of its brightest intellects as well as one of the most gentle, faithful, and devoted of its members, Miss Phillips belonged to the Society of Friends.

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