

In 1897 506 visits were made.

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SPECIAL NURSING IN PRIVATE WARDS.

Graduates 230 weeks.

Undergraduates 19 weeks.

Total 249 weeks.

An average of five special nurses was steadily on duty throughout the year.

The service, however, is very irregular, and we have had as many as twelve special nurses on duty at one time.

SPECIAL NURSING IN FREE WARDS.

Undergraduates 73 weeks, 6 days.

With great regret we record the short, severe illness and death of one of our number, a member of the Senior Class, Miss Gertrude O'Brien, of tubercular disease of the kidneys. Miss O'Brien was quiet, gentle and retiring in disposition, and her influence in the school was always for good. As a pupil she was obedient and attentive to her duties, and faithful in all her relations with School and Hospital.

There has been no departure from the usual routine of studies, lectures and demonstrations, and the work of the School in this direction has steadily progressed during the year, with increasing care and attention on the part of those charged with the responsibility of teaching.

STUDIES OF SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Recognizing the wisdom of bringing into the education of nurses some study which would prepare them for a more intelligent and active usefulness in the community, a brief course of lectures was given during the year on various public and social questions. These were interesting and valuable and we hope to be able to include such lectures as a definite portion of the third year's study. The programme is appended.

February 22, "Organization of Charities," Miss M. E. Richmond; March 1, "The Rescue of Children from Unfavourable Environment," Miss Mary Wilcox Brown; March 8, "How to Relieve the Needy," Mr. John R. Cary; March 15, "The Place of the Home in Modern Society," Mrs. Ellen H. Richards; March 22, "The Church as a Factor in Modern Progress," Mr. Jeffrey R. Brackett; Tuesday, March 28, "The Function of the Municipality and of the State," Mr. S. E. Forman; April 5, "Public Charities," Mr. Jeffrey R. Brackett; April 12, "The Meaning of Education," Miss E. T. King.

DIET SCHOOL.

Changes have been made in the work of the Diet School by which we have been able to

effect a considerable increase in the amount of teaching done and at the same time maintain the same degree of efficiency. Instead of sending two pupils for the entire day, the practical instruction is now given to four pupils daily; two in the morning, two in the afternoon. The theoretical ground is covered in a course of eight lectures given to the united class, and by this method we are working toward the time when this valuable instruction shall come early in the first year's training, a change greatly to the advantage of pupil nurses and the Hospital.

MASSAGE.

The complete and satisfactory course of instruction in massage given to the pupils by Miss Bartlett should not go unnoted. In the place of the few lectures (the system in general use in training schools), the class is divided into sections, each section receiving careful and thorough instruction and demonstrations several times weekly for a period of two months. Miss Bartlett is an earnest and enthusiastic teacher and her work in this department is proving of great value to the pupils.

GRADUATING EXERCISES.

At the close of the school year, June 2nd, the usual graduating exercises were held and a class of 27 nurses was graduated. Upon this occasion Dr. Geo. M. Gould, of Philadelphia, delivered an address upon "The Duties and Dangers of Organization in the Nursing Profession."

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Scholarships for the best general records were awarded to:—

Senior Class—

Miss Elsie Lawler, second year of holding.

Mrs. M. Sullivan, third year of holding.

Miss Margaret McKinnon, second year of holding.

Miss Edith Corwin.

Intermediate Class—

Mrs. Agnes Hartridge, second year.

Miss Sara Wilcox, second year.

Miss Amelia Hanway, second year.

Miss Kate Carhart.

Junior Class—

Miss Kathryn Van Blarcom.

Miss Robina Stewart.

Miss Mary McMaster.

Miss Helen Crawford.

REVISION OF COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

In my judgment, the course of instruction for the first year should be so altered as to permit of a certain preliminary training of the pupil

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