

One of the things which they do better in the Training Schools in Canada and the States is the businesslike report presented annually by the Superintendents of Nursing to the Governing Body, and Miss Agnes Snively, of the General Hospital, Toronto, is a past mistress in the art. We have before us the Report ending September, 1901, from which we quote the following items:—

"In presenting the Twentieth Annual Report of the Training School for Nurses, connected with this Hospital, which it is my privilege to do this evening, it would seem fitting, in view of this anniversary, to note a few particulars regarding the work of the nurses who have from year to year during these two decades received their professional instruction in this Hospital, and have gone out to do their part in the world's work.

The first-class—five in number—was sent out in the year 1883, since which time—if we include the class of 1901—a total of 347 have received the certificate granted by this training school.

"Of these, one is conducting a Registry for Nurses, one has entered a sisterhood, one is engaged in district nursing, one has studied medicine, three have entered the Victorian Order of Nurses, five have returned to their own homes, nine are foreign missionaries, fourteen have died, ninety-three have married, fifty-four are holding hospital positions of greater or less responsibility in Canada and the United States, and about one hundred and fifty-six are engaged in private nursing.

"Special mention may be made of those who hold responsible post-graduate positions as day and night assistants, or head nurses in our own hospital, and the authorities desire to record their acknowledgment of the faithful and loyal service rendered by these nurses during the past year. In addition to their hospital duties, these nurses have given ten Demonstration Lessons on Nursing in the School of Domestic Science and Art connected with the Young Women's Christian Guild in this city.

"Forty of the before-mentioned nurses—one of whom is in Cuba—are in the United States, one is in the Klondyke, several are in British Columbia and the North-West, one is in Persia, one in Africa, two in India and four in China. It can therefore be truly said that the sun is always shining on the Toronto General Hospital Training School for Nurses.

"The theoretical education of the School has been ably conducted by distinguished members of the medical profession, who though leading lives so eminently laborious, have still cheerfully and ungrudgingly lent such valuable assistance that it is safe to say that the curriculum of this School is second to none on the American continent.

"In this connection also mention may be made of the presentation of a prize which was a feature of the last Annual Meeting, and of the announcement made by the Medical Superintendent and also by our worthy President, Mr. Walter S. Lee, that in future a first and second prize would be awarded each year by these gentlemen to the Nurses who succeeded in obtaining the highest percentages in the final examinations. There can be no doubt that this has acted, as was intended, as an incentive or stimulus to the School during the past year, and it is only fair to remark in

passing for the comfort of those who were competing that equal honor belongs to those who honestly strive as well as to those who attain.

"We have now occupied the new residence for more than a year, and the anticipations which were indulged in regarding the benefits which it was expected such surroundings would confer, have certainly to a large extent been realized. The new residence has helped to develop and maintain pride and affection in and for the school, and all that it represents, and to foster that *esprit de corps* without which no institution such as that under whose auspices we are now met, can do its best work.

"In closing this report we desire gratefully to acknowledge the many blessings we have enjoyed under the good providence of God during the long period of twenty years, and to thank all those who have been mindful of the comfort and happiness of the nurses and the true interests of the Training School."

A correspondent from the United States writes:—

"I have been much struck with the evident fact that in unanimity of ideas and principles even the apparently adverse nursing cliques in England are all right. It is only in methods that they differ, that they each keep the 'ego' too much to the front, so that their apparent divisions are mostly based on personal preferences, not on ultimate purposes at all. This makes things much more promising for the future, for we can surely all control our personal prejudices to a great extent.

"Registration is bound to come now before long, the crusading work is done, therefore let us work meantime for an extension of harmony and co-operation. This is the all-important thing. Don't you think so?"

"We have a fourth State organizing, New Jersey. I hope we will make a beginning with our Bill this winter, but then, as I have said before, you will all be much disappointed in us when we begin, because we begin with so little, but you know our political institutions and general lawlessness well enough to know that we cannot begin like New Zealand, by asking for everything we want, on our Bill.

"The joy over the Congress is still heard in enthusiastic remarks and letters. Our nurses did appreciate it to the full, and our Delegates' visits here were so much enjoyed."

As in the formation of any profession, it is only just that a term of grace shall be defined in a Registration Bill, for the admission of workers who might otherwise be excluded, it takes years to enforce the standard at which it is right to aim. The longer, therefore, that trained nurses are denied legal status, the greater the number of partly trained nurses who must be registered. We are glad to hear, therefore, that the nurses in the State of New York are going to make a beginning to define their justifiable demands for registration, if only on the minimum standard. Good luck to them.

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