

passage leads through doors into the hospital, and through a curtained archway into the hall of the Nurses' Home, where the arrangements are as tasteful as complete. Hall, library, study, classrooms, dining-room, airy bed and bath rooms, all beautifully kept, it goes without saying.

As Miss Snively's guest for two days, I had the advantage of seeing over the whole hospital—a fine, comfortable place, greatly modernised in many directions, and divided into special departments as most good hospitals are. One block delighted me much. This was the Maternity block, quite a complete, little lying-in hospital, presided over by a bright little lady doctor—Dr. Helen Macmurchy—under whose direction the trained nurses work. The babies and mothers looked happy and sweet, and here the probationers gain practical experience in obstetric nursing in a delightful manner.

The whole hospital arrangements struck me as being very home-like, and here, for the first time, I had an opportunity of observing the nurses at their work, which was briskly done, and the type of woman personified. I was pleased with them. I thought them goodly. Canadian girls are slim and graceful, they have fine skins, beautiful hair, kind eyes, and a gentle mien. They are bright and gracious, and look pure. That is the highest praise, but they deserve it.

It is a fact that the Canadian girls who have passed into the States for training have won general approbation, and many are to be found there in positions of trust and responsibility. A high professional tone permeates the nursing school at the General Hospital, Toronto. This is not surprising, and I learned with pleasure that a very flourishing Alumnæ Association existed in

connection with it, and the report of its last gathering held quite recently is instructive. A most enjoyable affair it was. The guests were received by Mrs. Paffard, the president of the association, and seventy-seven ladies sat down to the luncheon, which was served in an adjoining room. The tables were tastefully decorated with chrysanthemums, and at each plate were bunches of violets and maiden-hair fern tied with purple ribbon.

The guest of honour on the occasion was Miss Palmer, editor of "The American Journal of Nursing."

The toasts were proposed by Mrs. Paffard, that of "Canada" being responded to by Miss Gordon, superintendent of the Emergency Hospital, Toronto, while Miss Stewart responded to "Alma Mater." "Superintendents of Training-Schools" was responded to by Miss M. A. Snively, honorary president of the association. Miss Snively said that as long as a nurse is a nurse merely, she is the theme of the poet and the painter. Let her, however, assume the duties of a superintendent, and thenceforward she represents the unpopular part of the profession.

"The Class of 1901" was responded to by Miss Roberts. She compared the nurse starting out on her career after leaving the hospital to the Cape Breton fisherman, who, when he goes out in his boat, prays, "Keep me, O God. Thine ocean is so vast

and my boat is so small."

Dr. Helen Macmurchy ably responded to "The Medical Profession." She referred to the graduating class being the guests of the association, and compared their reception by the older graduates to a custom existing in England. When a new peeress takes her place for the first time at any



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