

classes) I should like to draw the attention of the managers of those nursing associations, where the nurses are expected to live with the cottagers, to this shortness of food supply. Quite recently cases have been brought before my notice where nurses belonging to these district associations have had their health very seriously impaired by attempting to live on a bread-and-tea diet when inhabiting the cottage homes of their patients. I may specially mention one case where the nurse told me that she simply "hadn't the heart to eat the poor things' food," when it was all she could do to scrape together enough for the sick woman and her children. Not having private means she could only afford herself bread and biscuits at the village shop, and, as might have been expected, with the natural result of a serious breakdown in health and a long compulsory rest from all work.

St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

A deputation of Governors, introduced by Sir Trevor Lawrence, the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, waited on the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House on Tuesday with a request that at some convenient date he would convene a meeting of the citizens for the purpose of raising the requisite funds for the new buildings and improvements needed at the hospital.

It was estimated that about £300,000 would be required to carry out the recommendations of the Mansion House Committee.

Queen Alexandra had given £1,000 and the great advantage of her gracious support and encouragement. The Prince of Wales, as their President, was according them his sympathy and assistance.

FORTHCOMING MANSION HOUSE MEETING.

The Lord Mayor, in reply, said he had received the deputation with great pleasure. He was one of those who thought it would be positively deplorable to move St. Bartholomew's Hospital from the City of London. It would give him much satisfaction to identify himself with their appeal, to which no doubt the public would readily respond. He would willingly grant the use of the Mansion House for the proposed meeting, and help them in any way they thought desirable.

It was arranged that the meeting should be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, January 26th, at three o'clock.

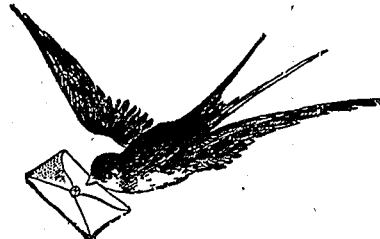
Sir Trevor Lawrence thanked the Lord Mayor on the part of the deputation, which then withdrew.

The London School of Tropical Medicine.

The Craggs Research Prize, for the best piece of original work done during the current year by present or past students of the school, has been awarded to Dr. Aldo Castellani for his researches into the etiology of sleeping sickness. Dr. Castellani, who has lately returned from an expedition to Central Africa, isolated a microbe in sleeping sickness, and was the first to point out the association of this disease with trypanosomiasis. Dr. Travers, who also competed for the prize, has been awarded honourable mention for his paper on beri-beri.

Our Foreign Letter.

FROM CANADA.



The Alumnae Association, Toronto General Hospital Training-School for Nurses had a most enjoyable reception in the parlours at

McPinking's on October 15th. A large number of nurses were present, the Graduating Class of 1903 and many other guests being invited.

The guests were received by Mrs. Paffant, President, and Miss Green, Vice-President of the Society.

Miss Snively, Hon. President of the Society, took great pleasure in introducing her fledglings, as she called the class of 1903, to the older graduates, representatives being present from all classes as far back as 1836. This annual reunion is always most enjoyable, and serves to keep the school united.

The annual meeting of the Alumnae was held the following Tuesday at 3 p.m. at the hospital, when most of the officers were returned by acclamation, the only changes being Mrs. McPherson, second Vice-President, and Mrs. Winchester, director. The meeting was well attended, and the record of work done during the past year encouraging. Before the close of the meeting Miss Snively, as Honorary President, was presented with one of the pretty gold and enamel badges recently adopted by the Society.

At the ceremonies in connection with the graduation of nurses at the Toronto General Hospital on Friday evening, Miss Snively, the superintendent of the training-school, presented a very acceptable report on the year's work. Of 627 applicants for admission thirty-seven were received on probation, and twenty-two received as pupils. At present the nursing staff at the hospital consists of seven probationers, seventy-two nurses, and five graduate nurses. During the year 155 special nurses were employed, which, the superintendent points out, indicates the thought of the age regarding the trained nurse and the part she now plays as a co-worker with the physician and surgeon.

The certificate of qualification granted by the school is now held by 375 nurses. During the past year twenty of these have accepted positions of influence.

In addition there were twenty-two applications for positions of varying importance for which no recommendations were made. Miss Coleman, a graduate of some years ago, who has been superintendent of the Sagman Hospital, is now taking a post-graduate course in connection with the department of hospital economics established at Columbia College, New York. Two missionary nurses, home on furlough, have returned to China during the year, one has lately come home from India for a rest, and one, Miss Theresa Millar, of the class of 1884, died last spring from fever in China.

The record is altogether one that reflects great credit on Miss Snively and the Toronto General Hospital.

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