

work of the training schools attached to hospitals. This business-like arrangement is also in force in Canada, and the report recently presented to the Governors of the General Hospital, Toronto, by Miss M. Agnes Snively, Lady Superintendent, is a model, as it covered the whole scope of the Training School.

The time chosen for making the report is usually combined with the graduating exercises of the nurses, when they are presented with their diplomas, and this year when the class of 29 were thus rewarded for their faithful service during the last three years, nearly 700 people were present as interested spectators.

Quite a number of prizes and scholarships were awarded. Miss Snively announced that two additional scholarships had been donated for general efficiency.

The special scholarship of \$50 for excellence in application of principles of aseptic surgery, and which will extend over a period of 10 years, was presented to Miss C. Allen.

The special scholarship of \$25 offered by the Training School Alumnae for the best essay on the cure of a typhoid patient was presented by Miss Snively to Miss M. A. Beatrice Ellis.

Miss Evelyn L. Beatty received the first prize for general proficiency offered and presented by Dr. Charles O'Reilly. The second prize for general proficiency was won by Miss Millie C. Allen.

Miss Effie M. Feeny was presented with the third proficiency prize.

Special prizes for practical nursing were offered and presented to Miss Minnie H. Sarnson, and Miss Emmaline E. Smellie.

Miss Beatrice Ellis and Miss E. A. Offord won the special prizes for neatness.

The nurses who have received their nursing education in this school up to the present time number 470.

"It would seem only fitting," said Miss Snively, "on an occasion of this kind that the Superintendent of the School be allowed to explain that, while a school of this character is primarily a place where we train, or make *nurses*, it is also—and this is the more important part of the work—a place where we seek to make *women*."

"In this community of over one hundred young women, the process of transforming the untrained, undeveloped, undisciplined girl into the thoughtful, self-restrained, capable,

patient woman, goes on concurrently with that of the daily routine of hospital life. Day after day and year after year pass, until—though necessarily with varying degrees of attainment—the long-desired goal is reached, and we meet together, as we do to-day, to honour, and to wish "God-speed" to another class, who go out from us to form a part of the great guild of trained women who have been sent out from this school, some to labour in the quiet of the sick-room, some in hospitals in large cities or in quiet towns, and some in far-distant, heathen lands."

The July number of the *American Journal of Nursing* is devoted to reporting the Training School Convention at Philadelphia, held during the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools. It contains quite a mine of wealth in suggestion, new ideas, and experience touching the work, life, and needs of the trained nurse.

There is an admirable preliminary review of "A History of Nursing," which is shortly to appear.

"Lest We Forget."

A memorial tablet, to commemorate the untiring work performed by Miss Kinninmont, who was Matron at the West of England Eye Infirmary, Exeter, for sixteen years, was recently unveiled by Colonel Garratt at the institution in the presence of many who were her friends. The tablet, which is erected in the main entrance hall, is artistically designed, and contains the following inscription in bronze:—"This tablet is erected to commemorate the devoted and invaluable services to this Infirmary of Georgina Kinninmont, Matron from September, 1890, to September, 1906, and to record the fact that the children's ward has been named after her."

The tablet was subscribed for by a large number of friends.

Nothing could have been more appreciative of her fine character and work than the words spoken by those who took part in this touching ceremony. "The memorial was a beautiful tribute to Miss Kinninmont's services," said Colonel Garratt, "and when he entered the hospital he should always look up at it, and say to himself, 'That is the deserving memorial to one of the best of women.'"

A splendid photograph of Miss Kinninmont, with a suitable inscription at the foot, is also hung in the Board Room.

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