

pany has written to the associations of visiting nurses in the towns of from 100,000 and more inhabitants, to inquire whether they would be ready to co-operate. The visiting nurse associations are pleased with the arrangement, as it brings in a great number of new cases. Under this system the work is being started without friction or delay. The patients, of course, need not have the nurses' services unless they wish them, but they are perfectly free to the patient, no fees being collected. If the system is finally perpetuated, the nurse will be regarded as a part of the advantage of life insurance. What would make it quite perfect (in the minds of somewhat Radical people) would be to have the insurance companies, like the German State Insurance, national and socialised, instead of private profit-making concerns.

The Doyenne of Canadian Nursing.

The Reception recently given in the lecture room of the Nurses' Home by the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital in honour of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Miss Snively's term of office as Superintendent of the Training School, was a memorable event. From far and near the graduates assembled to do honour to their beloved Superintendent, and with them members of the Hospital Board, doctors, and friends of the institution, so that even standing room was taxed to the utmost. Miss Snively is the doyen of nursing in Canada, and it is largely owing to her efforts that it has been raised to the level of a profession in the Dominion, and that the reputation of the Canadian nurse is second to none.

Miss Snively, who was the recipient of many warm congratulations, received for the first part of the evening, with Mrs. Mill Pellatt and Mrs. Findlay, and wore on her black lace gown the pin of her own training school (the Bellevue Hospital, New York), the pin of the Toronto General Hospital Alumnae Association, and the badge of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, of which she is an Hon. Member.

Later in the evening Mr. J. W. Flavelle occupied the chair, while Dr. J. F. W. Ross read an Address from a number of distinguished physician and surgeons, testifying to the honour and usefulness of Miss Snively's career as Superintendent of the Training School.

Mrs. Mill Pellatt then presented an illuminated Address on behalf of the Alumnae Association, bound in purple morocco, and bearing a picture of the hospital and the Alumnae Badge, which referred to the inestimable service rendered by Miss Snively in the development of the nursing profession in Canada. "She was one of the few persons permitted to carry out reforms of incalculable

value, and her life would have a monumental place in the annals of Canadian nursing."

The Address also referred to the honour accorded to Miss Snively during the recent International Congress of Nurses in England, when she was selected as the representative of Canadian Nurses, to place a wreath on the tomb of the late Queen Victoria. Indeed, the permission granted by his Majesty the King to the nurses of Canada to perform this loyal service through Miss Snively as President of the Canadian National Association of Nurses, has caused the deepest gratification amongst nurses from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Mrs. G. M. McPherson then presented to Miss Snively, on behalf of the Alumnae Association, a beautiful silver purse enclosed in a suede bag, containing a 1,000 dollar note (£200), and Miss Margaret McPherson offered a beautiful bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Snively, in the course of a brief speech, expressed her gratitude for the honour done her, and for the kind presentation just made to her, said that during her tenure of office as Superintendent of the School she had had the privilege of training many noble women for the profession of nursing. Miss Snively then asked Mr. Flavelle to make an announcement.

Mr. Flavelle then announced the decision of Miss Snively to resign at an early date her honourable position as Lady Superintendent of the General Hospital, Toronto, and that as a token of their esteem and in recognition of her great services the Board had that afternoon decided to grant her a pension of 700 dollars a year for life.

We are sure we voice the desires of the members of the International Council of Nurses, who recently had the pleasure of meeting Miss Snively in this country, in adding their appreciation of the splendid services she had rendered to her profession, and their hope for her future happiness.

It is announced that Miss Snively will retire in June next, and after a period of travel will make her home in Toronto.

A Glorious Gift to the Nursing Profession.

We have a glorious piece of good news to announce to the nursing profession at large. Through the good offices of Miss Lilian D. Wald, Founder of the Nurses' Settlement, New York City, Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins has devoted a munificent sum amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars to endowing a Post Graduate Course of Training for Nurses to qualify them for social service. We have thus for the first time the recognition of nursing as a social science, and Miss Wald describes the nursing profession as overwhelmed by the munificence of the gift.

The school will be established in connection with Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, and will be mainly directed by Miss M. Adelaide Nutting, R.N., Professor of Hospital Economics at Teachers' College. The college will

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