

duties of the position more efficiently than she has done during the past seven years. The vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Miss Butler, and they confidently expect that this lady will prove in every way an efficient successor to Miss Haughton.

The concerts organised last week by Lord Shaftesbury in Dublin, Belfast, and Cork, in aid of Lady Dudley's Nursing Scheme, were all most successful, and we hope a handsome sum will be available for this most excellent charity.

The Ontario Graduate Nurses' Association and The Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will meet in Toronto on May 24th, 25th, and 26th. The graduating exercises of the Toronto General Hospital, Training School for Nurses will be held on May 27th, on which date a class of 38 will receive their certificates and badges. This will bring the total number of nurses trained in this school up to five hundred and thirty-six. Members of the above-mentioned societies will receive invitations for the garden party and graduating exercises, which will be held on May 27th in the beautiful grounds of the Toronto General Hospital.

Miss Rebecca H. McNeill, R.N., writing in the *American Journal of Nursing* on "The Ideal Nurse," says: My ideal is one who has not been hardened by the scenes of suffering through which she has passed. No true nurse ever loses her sympathy, though she must cultivate the art of controlling it; she has the deep sympathy which causes her not only to feel for her patient's woes, but prompts her best efforts to alleviate them. She has the spirit of a surgeon in one of our large cities, who knelt for hours by the mangled form of a poor boy, exerting all his energy and skill to save his life. The child, surprised at meeting such kindness, looked up and said: 'Doctor, why are you trying so hard to save my life when you know that you will never get a cent for it?' The good man replied, 'Child, I would rather be the instrument in God's hand of saving life than be the President.'

The annual report of the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago (this year the twentieth) is always most interesting, and the value of the work done by the nurses is widely appreciated. Mr. J. W. Mack, Judge in the Juvenile Court, writes of it: "I do not know what we should

do in Chicago without the Visiting Nurses. Their influence extends far beyond the mere duties of a nurse. They are among the most powerful of the uplifting forces that are now doing so much for our city. It has been a great pleasure to me to have them enrolled as probation officers. Their work brings them in touch with conditions that demand immediate betterment, and the Juvenile Court owes much to them. No organisation needs greater support from the citizens of Chicago. The Visiting Nurse Staff numbers forty-one members, all of whom are graduates of the leading hospital training schools, and are qualified to practice nursing under the law of the State of Illinois, besides which there are forty Public School nurses working under the Department of Health the large majority of whom are registered nurses, and an Office Staff of five.

The Secretary, Miss Eleanor F. Tenney, in her report on behalf of the Directors, writes: "For the twentieth time they would say to you 'All's well.' . . . We believe that you may rest assured that your Association is well abreast of the times and its aims and methods. The nurses' work, as much as anyone's, is making such popular words as conservation, co-operation, social betterment, efficiency, prevention" into a living dictionary. The Association now nurses for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which pays for all cases attended, and their proportion of administration expenses.

Miss Harriet Fulmer, R.N., the Superintendent of Nurses, and Morse Memorial Nurse, in her report of the Nurses' Work for 1909, writes:—"We are all imbued with a righteous discontent, and 'Prevention' is our war-cry. We have made obvious and telling strides forward in the strengthening of our own ranks. Just why any woman wishes to leave her comfortable practice to come into district work at a small salary, expose herself to contagion, and filth and vermin, and all the disagreeables of the elements, cold, and rain, and heat, is past finding out. That they do come though, the very best in the profession, is true nevertheless, and they stay, which is better—if not in the Chicago Association, they go elsewhere, to institute our plans and methods. We are particularly fortunate in drawing to our work an unusually fine set of applicants. Our new rule of requiring every nurse to present her certificate of State Registration, in addition to her diploma, has proved a good one, as such a declaration of standard helps to advance the place of the trained nurse everywhere."

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