

Not only are there many openings for the nurse in her profession, but there are many chances in our Western land of opportunity for the investment of the modest savings of the self-supporting woman. In this way any nurse who is industrious and reasonably economical can save and provide for her future. Let me cite the case of one girl I know. In fact, we who live in the West all know girls who have done better than the one I am going to tell you about. She saved up until she had a saving account of three hundred dollars. With this amount she made a first payment on a wheat farm which was offered at fifteen dollars an acre. It contained one hundred and sixty acres, and one hundred acres were ready for crop. She found a farmer near by who agreed to work it for two-thirds of the crop. Her yearly payment is three hundred dollars, but her third always clears this and leaves a balance on the profit side as well.

The next flight this nurse made was in real estate in the city of Winnipeg. She was offered a newly built seven-roomed house at twenty-seven hundred dollars, the cash payment being two hundred and fifty dollars. The rent was twenty-three dollars a month, and it covered the quarterly payments. Less than a year afterwards she sold the property for three thousand dollars. Her interest on this deal was more than a hundred per cent. on the amount of money invested.

I might tire you if I were to give you in detail the ventures of this small capitalist, but let me assure you that young women by the hundreds are amassing little fortunes in Western Canada.

But to return to other phases of the nurse's work in Western Canada. The Winnipeg General Hospital is the first in this country to introduce a Social Service department. The nurse in charge of this branch of the work visits the patients in the charity wards, visits their homes, and in reality follows up the case for the purpose of teaching the patient how to prevent a relapse. The nurse is able to impress the fundamental laws of health on the family at large, and to instruct its members in the value of fresh air and cleanliness.

The Social Worker also provides a place for the homeless convalescent to rest until he is strong enough to return to work. If his family is destitute while he is confined to his bed, the Social Service nurse notifies the proper relief agencies, which see that the wife and children are fed and kept warm during the absence of the breadwinner.

The School Boards in the larger towns and cities of Canada realise the need of a visiting

nurse to keep in touch with the physical welfare of the children. A great many nurses are deeply interested in this branch of professional work. The fact that their work is done at four o'clock appeals to many.

Some of the larger departmental stores employ one or more trained nurses. Every big store maintains a small hospital, where emergency cases can be cared for. There is always a nurse in attendance. Other nurses in these big establishments have as their sole duty the visiting of sick employees of the firm. They see that those not able to be at business have the proper care.

New avenues of usefulness are continually opening up for the graduate nurse in the progressive Dominion of Canada. There will always be abundance of work for those who are capable.

The life of the nurses in the Winnipeg General Hospital resembles that of one congenial family. The Trustees have not only made provision for the best of instruction being given, but have displayed substantial consideration for both the health and recreation of the nurses. A summer cottage, picturesquely situated on an island in the famous Lake of the Woods, is kept open all summer, and is maintained for the benefit of the Training School, enabling the pupil nurses, especially those far away from their homes, to enjoy a delightful holiday free of charge.

The social life of the Nurses' Home is pleasant. There is an abundance of sitting-rooms where the students are free to entertain their friends. Of course the Lady Superintendent exercises the same kindly supervision that a mother would over her daughters; and only women of superior education and refinement are selected, since it is acknowledged that no profession requires better equipped women, both in education and refinement, than that of nursing.

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## OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

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We regret to state that the training of male nurses does not appear to be a subject which has been much studied by their women colleagues, and papers sent in on this subject have not added to the sum total of available knowledge. Nor have the male nurses contributed to it. As none of the papers attain the standard worthy of a prize, we regret we are unable to award one this week.

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