

## THE RESIGNATION OF MISS LOUISE BRENT.

The Queen City of Toronto, famous for many things, can claim to possess two of the most beautiful hospitals in the world—the magnificent General Hospital recently opened, and the Hospital for Sick Children, to which is attached the lovely Lakeside Home for Little Children, on the island on Lake Ontario. As the guest of Mr. J. Ross Robertson, the chairman of the latter institutions—and their most generous benefactor—we spent a delightful day visiting these hospitals when last in Canada. Since which time the “Maria Gilbee Robertson” Home for Nurses has been erected, furnished, and presented to the hospital by Mr. Ross Robertson, and stands, and will stand as a model to the world of what a Nurses’ Home should be.

It was in this most complete and beautiful Home that the twenty-eighth annual graduation exercises of the training school were recently held, when the resignation of Miss Louise C. Brent, the Lady Superintendent, upon her marriage, was announced—after sixteen years’ good work “which cannot be told in words,” and which has made her name a household word not only throughout the Dominion of Canada, but throughout the nursing world. In announcing, “Our Loss Another’s Gain,” Mr. Ross Robertson said: “Miss Brent is acknowledged to be one of the highest authorities in the world in connection with nursing sick children and the management of hospitals devoted to that purpose.

“It is mainly to Miss Brent that we owe the excellent system under which this hospital, in

its nursing departments, has been carried on, and as General Superintendent of the Hospital she has amply justified the faith that both myself and my fellow-trustees had in her when we placed her in charge.

“I am sure the good wishes of all who have known the work and the worth of Miss Brent in the life of this Hospital will follow her into the happiness of the career that awaits her.”

Warm and sincere expressions of appreciation

were made by many friends of Miss Brent’s work, and Mr. Ross Robertson continued: “I want to add to all the good things that have been said about Miss Brent, that her leaving is a personal loss. In my position as chairman of the Hospital Trust I have often sought her advice, and found it most valuable. I have been guided out of many dilemmas through the good common sense exercised by Miss Brent; and, while I know her successor is a most capable woman, I feel I shall not forget, and could not possibly forget, the friendship I have had with her for the past thirty years. I knew her long before she came to this hospital. I hope that friendship will continue as long as we both shall live.

### MISS BRENT’S SUCCESSOR.

“It is a very important and difficult matter for the trustees to select successors to superintendents that have either resigned or left or passed away.

Most fortunately, however, we have in Miss Florence Potts a woman well versed in everything connected with nursing, a woman who has had a large experience, and who for the past ten or twelve years has most ably assisted Miss Brent in her work. I think it is only right I should say that I feel the future of the hospital is safe in the hands of Miss Potts, and that the



MISS FLORENCE POTTS, LADY SUPERINTENDENT,  
THE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, TORONTO.

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