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run at a smaller per capita rate than they are in other places, but in our anxiety to make a record, we may go to a foolish extreme. The pendulum may swing too far in the way it should not go and the economy may prove false. The expenditure should not be so small for example that it will interfere with the highest scientific care and treatment of the insane. A large number of recoveries means decreased cost of maintenance. Politicians should bury the hatchet on these subjects and unite on a policy of progress. This Hospital idea is only in its infancy and what should be advocated is the intelligent expansion of it. Here it would take the shape of a properly equipped building, not necessarily large, for the care and treatment of acute cases of insanity. This building would contain every device necessary to enable us to carry on such treatment, under conditions which cannot be obtained in the large and crowded wards of our Hospitals. It would cost something, but the expenditure would be a justifiable one. We may not get it to-day but its occurrence is inevitable, and if any enthusiastic women friends can help its arrival they will have our thanks. It would meet another difficulty in a practical way. At present many an acute case is kept away from us at a critical time, just because the friends dread the stigma attaching to the word Asylum. Who can have anything but intense sympathy with them. These people would not object to sending their relatives for treatment in a building that was a Hospital in fact as well as in name.

We wish all of you to visit the different buildings and wards which have been opened for your inspection to-day, and after Mr. Pense and Dr. Walkem, who have early and late been our warm friends, have spoken to you. Nurses will be ready to conduct you to the various places of interest." \* \* \* \* \*

Miss Wilson read a general report of the work done in the school which has been in operation for twelve years. During that time there have been 41 graduates, including the present class. The results have been more than fulfilled the expectations of the founder. The course of lectures given by the Medical Superintendent and and resident physicians comprises mental diseases and their treatment, medical diseases, anatomy, physiology, materia medica, medical and surgical nursing, massage bandaging, etc., and continues from October until May. Each nurse spends a period of six months in the Hospital Building receiving practical instruction in special branches of her profession.

Dr. Forster made a short address to the graduates who were then presented by Mrs. Clarke with their diplomas and pins inscribed with the letters R. H. K. The graduates were Miss Elsie Courtice, Brooklyn, Ont.; Miss Helen McLean, Barriefield; Miss Ethel Bamford, Gananoque; Miss Annie O'Rourke, Stella. Mrs. Forster presented the prize for bandaging, won by Miss Courtice and the prize for massage won by Miss McLean. Two prizes for general proficiency were then presented by Miss Flaws, lady superintendent of nurses at the Kingston General Hospital to Miss Bessie McIntosh, Kingston and Miss Gertrude Shields, Parkham, Ont.

The proceedings concluded with short addresses by Edw. J. B. Pense and Dr. R. T. Walkem, Q.C. Mr. Pense said that the appearance of himself and Dr. Walkem partook of the nature of a friendly visit by two governors of the Kingston General Hospital. He congratulated Dr. Clarke upon the success of the Beechgrove Hospital. He was pleased to see a graduate of the Kingston General Hospital occupying the position of lady superintendent. The graduates before him were entitled to the