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Within the past thirty years a marked improvement has been made in the nursing of the sick both in hospitals and in private homes. This improvement is mainly due to the training that has been made available to a large number of women in the various Institutes or Schools for trained nurses established in almost every leading city in Great Britain, the United States and Canada, whereby they can obtain a knowledge of disease and its treatment, and of the various duties required of a nurse in the sick room, sufficient to enable them to carry on their good work with intelligent and watchful care.

The City of Ottawa at present stands almost alone among the cities of any size in Canada, in not affording an opportunity to those desiring to acquire a knowledge of the proper nursing of the sick; and until within the last few weeks no effort has been made to establish in Ottawa a school to train women in this much needed branch of education. Last month a public meeting was held at the suggestion of Her Excellency Lady Stanley of Preston to consider the advisability of establishing in Ottawa a Training School for Nurses, a matter of great importance to the citizens of the City of Ottawa and to the people in the Ottawa Valley. At the meeting, which was large and influential, a resolution in favor of establishing a school for training and a home for trained nurses was unanimously adopted, and a large and representative Provisional Committee was appointed to carry the views of the meeting into practical effect.

The Provisional Committee, after due consideration and after obtaining information about Institutions already in operation with the same object in view, has estimated that at least \$20,000 must be raised to obtain a proper site and erect and properly furnish a building suitable for the purposes of the Institute. Sub-committees to obtain subscriptions have been appointed for each