

During the past months we have sent out five handsomely embroidered fair linen cloths, to Nanaimo, B.C., S. Mark's, Parkdale, Carleton Place, Cobourg and Whitby. Surplices and stoles are constantly in hand; the demand for all such work steadily increases, and our four paid workers are always busily occupied, their work being supplemented by many kind friends who come for a few hours each week to lend a helping hand.

Last month we had a most interesting visit from a young Arabic gentleman, who is studying for Holy Orders at Windsor, N.S., intending to return to his own country to work under Bishop Blyth. Mr. Khaddar showed much interest in the various departments of work at the Convent, and in the Hospital, and on finding that it is not our custom to go out in the evening, therefore we should not be present at his lecture in St. Luke's Schoolroom, he very kindly offered to bring his photographs and curios to shew us here, and tell us something of the customs of his country and its people. All our sisters, with many patients from the Hospital, and a number of neighbors and friends, assembled in the guestroom, which was well filled, and listened to a bright and deeply interesting account of the Holy Land, well illustrated by the various admirable pictures of places and buildings whose names are so familiar to us. The garments and ornaments which Mr. Khaddar showed us were an education, making us understand much of Holy Scripture which had been difficult before. When one saw the outer "garment" laid into its neat folds and become a smooth rug or mat, one pictured the orderly carpeted road prepared for our Saviour to pass over, when multitudes spread their garments in the way"; and again the necklace formed of "ten pieces of silver" which is the pride and honour of an Eastern woman's heart, explains why she should be so much distressed by the loss of "one piece." We wished so much that we might have had a great many of our little friends about us to share our pleasure and edification.

Our friends and Associates at a distance frequently write that they are watching for a MESSENGER to tell them something about what is going on here. Perhaps they will tire of reading so long an account as this MESSENGER carries! We must however just draw attention to the picture of the Hospital and Convent in this number. It was taken from a photograph for our nurses' certificates, and we think others than the nurses will care to have so pretty a view of the building. The first three certificates awarded, belong to Miss Ida MacMullen, Miss Gertrude Maltby, and Miss Elizabeth Irwin, who have creditably passed through the training of St. John's Hospital.