

provided, properly equipped in every respect, having its sanitary conditions perfect, but it requires a large staff of nurses, professional men to manage it, and it costs a great deal for maintenance. Yet that is but a small item compared with those of fuel, provisions, and other necessities children, not only from the city of Toronto but from all towns, villages, and cities throughout the province, have free access to this hospital. That is a feature which does not exist in any other hospital for sick children. The question is not asked whether they are able to pay. If they are in a position to do so, they are expected to contribute something towards their maintenance; if not they are not turned away. This is, I say, a feature which is not found in connection with other hospitals throughout this or any other country on this continent. Too much praise cannot be given to the promoters of this institution. They have, to my knowledge, worked faithfully and diligently, and, as has been stated to day, of their own means contributed largely, perhaps more largely than they should have done, to the assistance of this hospital. It is a work in the interests of every individual in the city of Toronto and in this province, and I hope the work will be assisted by the people as it should be, and that this institution will go on from its present high standing to one still higher in connection with the treatment of the cases which are placed here from time to time. No person need hesitate to trust their children to the management of this institution. The nurses are invariably kind and attentive. The management could not be better than under Miss Underhill, the lady superintendent, and those associated with her. The medical staff could not be excelled, for the best talent of the city is constantly on hand to administer to the wants of those in the medical and surgical wards; and as I have before said, the sanitary condition is perfect.

ITS EXCELLENT NURSES

"Before I conclude I wish to say a word to the ladies who have been fitting themselves to go out into the world as nurses. I wish I could say for all the hospitals in Canada which turn out trained nurses what I can say for this, but, unfortunately, whether it be from their location or their surroundings or the lack of facilities in one way or another, they are not able to do as this hospital does by the nurses who receive their training in this institution. I know for a fact that here the best method of training is used in connection with those who are undergoing a course of instruction. I know that great pains have been taken in connection with this staff not only regarding the

giving of medicine and diet to the patients but by lectures and bedside clinics. I can corroborate what has been said by my friend the Chairman, that the course of instruction given has been most thorough, as represented by the examinations through which they have lately passed. I do not know all of the questions which were submitted, but I saw some of them, and I know that they were practical questions, which a nurse requires to understand pretty thoroughly—in fact, those which would test the ability of a nurse, unless she had given more than ordinary attention to the care of those in her charge. I know when I was a medical student I should have termed these papers pretty stiff. I am pleased to know that the number of marks earned were satisfactory, and that they well deserved the honors which are about to be conferred upon them.

I REMEMBER IN MY STUDENT DAYS

how anxious we were to know the results of the examinations, and how we feared that we should be "plucked." I am glad that none of the young ladies who tried this examination have been plucked. Let me say to you, young ladies, that no doubt there has been considerable anxiety on your part and, no doubt, a great deal of hard study and care, perhaps some deprivations during your course of study, but you are about to go into the world and you will find it rather different in the times to come than in the past few years. While you are, no doubt, well trained to enter your profession, yet you may perhaps find that you have not learned all as yet. You have considerably more to learn before you will be perfect nurses. You could not have chosen a calling which requires greater patience, greater diligence, perhaps self-sacrifice. While you have learned, and faithfully, I believe, to follow the directions of the medical man under whose charge you act without having recourse to any suggestions of your own,—because you know that is strictly forbidden, but while I say strictly forbidden there are cases—no doubt you have met with them here—in which that rule cannot be strictly followed and to do so would exhibit your ignorance more than to obey it would prove your devotion. For instance, while it is your place to follow carefully the directions of the attending physician and to do so without saying many words,—for I have found in my own experience that nurses did a great deal too much talking,—I am sure you will not be guilty of that. However, you must obey the orders of the physician in charge, but I know that you have been taught to act in cases of