it is about the only charity in Toronto which is deep in debt, and that to-day it owes over $100,000, which must be raised by the people of Toronto and this province before the load will be lifted from the shoulders of the trustees. It is true that a large amount of money comes into our hands, but my friends will understand that every child who enters this building costs 72 cents per day, and that, when the interest is paid, the cost is $1 39 per head per day. The interest due upon the money loaned to erect this building amounts in the year to $6,000, or $20 per day. Let me further say, although I do so with some hesitancy, and only because of the impression which prevails regarding our supposed wealth, that for $50,000 of this money the five trustees are personally responsible, so that you will see that, as far as the trustees are concerned, they are doing their share in keeping this work together; indeed our funds are so scarce that only a few weeks ago the trustees had to put their hands in their pockets to the extent of about $500 each to pay $2,500, the half-year's interest due on the amount loaned to erect this building. I make this statement, not to eulogize in any way the work of the trustees or the management, but merely to dispel the apparently prevailing impression that we are a rich corporation and that we do not require aid

WELL-TRAINED NURSES.

"To-day we are assembled to present to the nurses who have passed rigid examinations a certificate of their ability and worth, so that when they leave this building and enter their profession as trained nurses these documents may show their fitness to undertake any kind of work in a sick room, from the charge of sick people, be they babies or adults. We believe the nurses who graduate from our hospital have been exceptionally well trained, and we have the satisfaction of knowing that the physicians and surgeons of Toronto who have employed our graduates have paid the highest tributes to their work. It is of great satisfaction to us to know that the work of our Training School has been successful. As a further mark of merit, in addition to a certificate, each nurse will be presented with a medal, in accordance with a time-honored custom that prevails in all large hospitals of the world. I am glad to state that our good friend, the Mayor, has kindly consented to make the presentations, but before he does so we will be favored with some instrumental and vocal selections by our friends, Mr. Woodland, Miss Langstaff and Miss Morris."

After these pieces had been efficiently rendered, the Chairman said:—"Before proceeding with the presentation of medals, I desire to introduce to you the gentleman who has the great responsibility and charge of all the healthy and sick children in the public charities of this province, Dr. Chamberlain, in his capacity of Government Inspector, visits our building frequently. He knows of all our work in every detail, and he need have no hesitancy whatever in expressing his opinion as to the management of the Hospital. So far we have met with his approbation."

WHAT THE INSPECTOR THINKS.

Mr. Chamberlain—"Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen: I am pleased to meet with you this afternoon, from the fact that it is the day on which you recognize the qualifications and abilities of young ladies who have been trained in your school in the principles and manner of nursing the sick. From your introduction it would be expected that I should give you something in connection with the hospitals of this province, and I say to-day, as I have said on other occasions, that the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto cannot be surpassed in this province, in this Dominion, nor, so far as I can ascertain, in this continent. Every department in connection with this building, from the basement to the attic, to my personal knowledge, excels anything with which I have met in connection with hospitals in my work as Government inspector. We have many hospitals which I am sorry to say, like many other charitable institutions, do not receive from the people at large that recognition which I think is their due in the great work they are doing. It is all very well for the citizens to say that those who form the trustee boards of these charitable institutions are wealthy men, and, consequently, they need not concern themselves about the management. That is not as it should be. Any institution which is doing work for the relief of the suffering of humanity should be recognized by those who do not take an active part upon the trusts boards in connection with these institutions, in a substantial and liberal manner. They should feel that these men are doing a work for every individual, as well as for the community at large, and all should feel that interest in connection with our public and charitable institutions which would induce them to give of their means to assist in the work. If I had time it would be a pleasure for me to speak of the work of other institutions in this province, and to tell you of the good work which is being done, but I shall not attempt to do that to-day.

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