

the back of the hall, and the nurses attached at the training school entered in two columns, headed by Miss Quaife, the Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Kirkpatrick; Medical Superintendent. Dressed in pretty pink dresses, with long aprons and neat mob caps, white as the undriven snow, they presented a most attractive appearance, and when they had taken their seats on raised platforms on each side of the hall, made up a picture worthy of an artist's brush. Their fresh complexions, neat attire, and evident enthusiasm for their work at once captivated the audience. It was interesting to notice how each nurse, despite the uniformity of their dress, had some individuality about her which distinguished her from her fellows. It may have been only a kink of the hair or some peculiar arrangement of the dress, yet each was distinguishable from the other by some mark of individual taste.

#### THE CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

After His Lordship the Bishop of Montreal had opened the proceedings with prayer,

Mr. Stirling, the President, said :

*May it please Your Excellencies :*

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—On behalf of the Committee of Management, I have to thank you for your presence on this occasion. The large number present I take to indicate the general sympathy felt by the community for that house of mercy, the Montreal General Hospital. The Committee have also to be specially thankful for the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General and Lady Stanley, who thus show their sympathy for the object for which the institution exists, and give it the benefit of their influence, the effect of which I have no doubt will be to strengthen the sympathy for, and increase the interest in, this old and honored institution throughout the Dominion, and more especially in this city, from which it derives its principal support.

The object for which this institution exists is specially the care of the sick poor amongst us, and the passport for admission for