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EIGHT NEW GRADUATES.

PHILLIPS TRAINING SCHOOL OF MONTREAL.
HOMŒOPATHIC HOSPITAL CLOSING
EXERCISES.

Eight new graduates were added to the available staff of qualified Homeopathic nurses at the graduation exercises of the Phillips Training School for Nurses which took place in the High School Assembly Hall on Monday, 22nd of May. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. S. Bell, President of the Hospital, the chair was taken by Doctor H. M. Patton and there were also on the platform Mrs. W. E. Phillips, Mrs. George Sumner, Mrs. J. A. Sheffield, Mrs. H. M. Patton and Miss Moodie, Rev. Dr. Warriner, Dr. Arthur Fisher and Messrs. F. E. Grafton, Samuel Baylis and E. G. O'Connor.

The chairman having stated the object of the meeting, called on Dr. Warriner to invoke the divine blessing.

A short programme was then proceeded with in which the business of the meeting was pleasantly interspersed by instrumental and vocal selections by Mrs. H. R. Ives and Miss Luke and Hollinshead and a recitation by Miss May E. Reynolds.

Dr. A. R. Griffith, Medical Superintendent, read his report, which, after referring to the work of the Hospital, its needs in the way of more accommodation and its exceptionally low net death rate of $1\frac{1}{10}$ per cent, concluded as follows:

"Any report that I could offer would be incomplete without reference to the nurses of the Phillips Training School and the class of graduates in whose honor we are assembled this afternoon. The duties of a nurse are of a most trying nature. She must quietly ignore the irritating eccentricities of her patient, must pleasantly overcome every obstacle, must face danger, aye, and even death itself. Witness the sad and lonely death of a nurse recently sent from this city to care for a small pox patient. Might I also add the instance of the severe illness of one of our present graduating class, who, worn out by faithful attendance upon a serious case of diphtheria, herself developed that dreaded disease and suffered severely, but is fortunately recovering, although not able to be present this afternoon. These are but examples of the courage and noble self-sacrifice of the trained nurse. Physicians have long recognized the great advantage to the patient of careful and faithful nursing. In 1752 Dr. Smellie of London said: 'Nurses ought to be of middle age, sober, patient and discreet, able to bear fatigue and watching, free from external deformity, cutaneous eruptions and inward complaints that may be troublesome or infectious.'

"This truth admitted so long ago was accepted by Florence Nightingale in 1851 when she gave up all the prospects of society that wealthy parents could afford and devoted her life to nursing the sick. Her magnificent work for the British soldiers during the Crimea war is well known. Fifty thousand pounds