

PHILLIPS' TRAINING SCHOOL.

FIVE LADIES PASS SUCCESSFUL EXAMINATIONS AND RECEIVE CERTIFICATES TO PRACTICE SICK NURSING.

The graduation exercises of the Phillips' Training School for Nurses, which took place Monday afternoon, May 3rd, were most successfully accomplished. Notwithstanding the downpour of rain which the weather authorities, by mistake no doubt, furnished for the occasion, the governor's rooms at the Hospital were filled with an interested audience. Mr. Samuel Bell, president, presided, having on his left Rev. Dr. Rose, and on his right Mr. F. E. Grafton, vice-president of the Association. On the left sat the graduating class, with Miss Davis, the lady superintendent, and behind them the staff of hospital nurses in training.

Rev. Doctor Rose having invoked the Divine blessing, the chairman expressed the pleasure he felt in being able to assist on this auspicious occasion. He referred to the satisfaction felt by all those who had to do with the training school, at the tangible evidence, the five lady graduates, of its success. He pointed out that until the establishment of this school there were no nurses in Montreal trained in the homoeopathic methods. These graduating ladies would therefore fill a long felt want. He referred to the probability of extending the course from a two to a three year one, with the view to giving a still more extended training, and closed by wishing the graduates a prosperous and happy future.

Dr. H. M. Patton, medical superintendent of the Hospital, after explaining the importance of having nurses trained in the homoeopathic way as a necessary accessory to the homoeopathic practice, addressed a few words to the graduates. He cautioned them against doing anything which would justify the charge that he had known to be made against the trained nurse, that when one was got into a house a servant had to be deputed

to wait on her. He was sure that the excellent instructions they had received from their lady superintendent would prevent them ever offending in this way. He asked them to make allowance for the whims of sick people, who were really not accountable, to anticipate their wants, and to endeavor to be patient under all circumstances.

Mr. O'Connor, acting secretary, then read, and the graduates repeated after him the following:

NURSE'S COVENANT.

"In grateful remembrance of the Phillips' Training School for Nurses of the Montreal Homoeopathic Hospital, I hereby solemnly promise to endeavor faithfully to fulfill my duties as nurse, and so to regulate my life as to do credit to its diploma which is about to be granted me.

In contemplation of the great responsibilities involved in the work in which this diploma permits me to engage, and the necessity for perfect faithfulness in its performance, I further undertake to surrender it, upon the order of the Montreal Homoeopathic Hospital, should I at any time violate the solemn undertaking I hereby engage in."

Mrs. Hector Mackenzie, president of the Woman's Auxiliary, then presented the diplomas in the following order of seniority: 1, Miss Emma E. Egan; 2, Miss Lurella G. Adams; 3, Miss Ella Rebecca Grant; 4, Miss Edith Caroline Pangborn; 5, Miss Jessie Strachan.

Misses Egan and Adams completed their course in October last, and have been practising since then and wearing the graduates' medal. This being the first public graduation was the reason for their appearance as graduates now.

After this formality was concluded, Rev. Dr. Rose and Mr. F. E. Grafton delivered short, interesting, but admirably conceived addresses, illustrative of the wide field of usefulness upon which the graduates had now entered. Doctor Rose said that no work was more noble or more Christlike, for He served others. Mr. Grafton spoke of the illimitable nature of the work, and the impossibility of over-crowding it.

The formal business then being over, the chairman called upon Rev. Dr. Rose to pronounce the benediction.

The graduates were then heartily congratulated, as well as Miss Davis, the lady superintendent, and Dr. Muller, the chairman of the training school committee, and a general hand shaking was the