

IT WAS GRACEFULLY DONE.

THE MAYOR PRESENTS MEDALS.

Honoring the Trained Nurses—The Hospital for Sick Children the Scene of an Interesting Ceremony.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 31st January, 1894, an interesting affair took place at the Hospital for Sick Children on College street. In connection with this institution there is a training school for nurses. For two years they undergo methodical education in the art of caring for the sick and are then subjected to a rigid examination covering every part of the profession. If successful they receive diplomas of graduation and are presented by the trustees with elegant gold medals as testimonials of their ability and as tokens of the high estimation in which they are held.

It was this graduation ceremony that drew to the building Wednesday an immense crowd of ladies and a few gentlemen. Among those present were:—Miss Underhill, the lady superintendent; Mesdames Heron, Mara, Snider, Harvie, Merritt, Pellatt, Stewart, Donald, Gzowski, Jas. Price, Walter S. Lee, Miss Buchan, the treasurer of the ladies' committee; Miss Sniveley, lady superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital; Mrs. G. S. Ryerson, Mrs. Macfarlane, Jarvis street, and many others.

The present occasion signalized the graduation of eight trained nurses, and it was fitting that an event of such importance to the young ladies and of so much credit to the Hospital should be specially marked. A very large number of persons was present, and by close attention and frequent marks of approbation, testified their interest in this noble charity that has so large a place in the hearts of those who love and pity sick and helpless little children.

WHAT WAS SAID.

Mr. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Board of Trustees presided. Beside him sat his Worship, the Mayor, Dr. J. F. Chamberlain, the Inspector of Public Charities, the Rev. Dr. McTavish and Mr. A. M. Smith of the Board of Trustees.

The Chairman introduced the programme by saying:—Mr. Mayor and ladies and gentlemen: It is almost unnecessary for me to speak at any length of the object of this afternoon's meeting. On so many different occasions I have spoken of the work of this Hospital—not only its general objects but its special work in connection with the training school attached to the institution—

that but little more can be said on the subject to our good friends of Toronto and this province who have supported this charity. We have endeavoured to place our trained nurses on a par with those who graduate from the best training schools on this continent. We have the satisfaction of knowing from the medical men who have acted as examiners that the tests in different classes of our work show not ability alone but an experience only attainable by women who lay their hearts to the work and endeavor to fit themselves for what may be justly termed one of the fine arts—"the art of nursing." This Hospital is doing good work. As a prominent surgeon of Dublin, who visited the building recently, said, "The people of Toronto do not realize what they have in their midst in this Hospital. It is simply perfect in every detail. I know of none like it in the world." It was pleasant for us

TO HEAR OUR VISITOR SAY THIS

"You know my friends, we look after from four to five hundred patients every year. To attend to these sick and helpless little ones we have twenty nurses and as many domestics, that is, forty people to look after the average of one hundred children who are in this building. We can accommodate about one hundred and forty children, and perhaps with a little crowding a hundred and sixty, exclusive of our Isolation Ward. In our out-door department we have an average of about eight per day, and to this branch is attached a dispensary where we give advice and medicine free to nearly 2,500 children of this city every year. Our doors swing widely open at the call of the sick little ones, and we are doing our best to fill the want which for many years was felt by the absence of a building specially adapted for the treatment of children's diseases. We are glad to say that by the grant we received from the Government amounting to about seven thousand dollars, our grant from the Corporation of the city of Toronto, of which Mayor Kennedy is the honored head, an amount of \$5,000, and by the generous contributions of the people of this city and province we are enabled to pay a large part of the expenses of this large charity. An impression has gone abroad that this is a wealthy charity, that we have untold gold pouring into our treasury,

NO RICH CHARITY.

Now, my friends, let me just tell you—and I hope you will tell everyone whom you meet—and I hope my fellow newspaper men will tell the world at large—that this is one of the poorest charities financially that there is in the country, that

MARIA BUCHAN,
Treasurer.

JOHN STARK,
EDWARD B. FREELAND, } Auditors.

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