

When she came to the hospital twenty-five years ago, nursing was not what it is to-day; and for this change in Canada no small share is due to Miss Snively. She has proven herself a woman of action.

In Miss Snively several qualities were present that made for her success. She was a thorough disciplinarian. While she was never rude nor domineering, she gave it always to be understood that her word was law and must be obeyed. The nurses during all these years recognized in her the superior and head to whom they had to yield a loyal and faithful service.

But she was always conscientious. She did her own share of the work as a duty she owed the hospital, the patients and the training school. This unflinching devotion to duty on her part reflected itself throughout the institution. Every nurse could say "There goes my model." It was in the attempt to live up to the high ideals set by Miss Snively that has been the means of turning out from the General Hospital so many excellent nurses.

Furthermore, Miss Snively was well up in her work. She knew well what every nurse should know, and she made it the aim of her life that that knowledge should be taught every nurse in training. No effort was left undone to make her nurses efficient in every detail. This meant that she was a good teacher herself and saw to it that the nurses received proper instruction upon all subjects.

But Miss Snively will long be remembered for work among those who, like herself, held positions of trust and responsibility. For many years she took the keenest interest in the work of nurses' training schools through the Association of Lady Superintendents of Hospitals. This work brought her into contact with those of her own class; and it was here that her personality came into strong relief. In this field her influence has had a very far reaching effect.

For Miss Snively we wish many years of health and happiness.

THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUICIDES.

It is becoming more and more a matter of observation that the number of persons who terminate life by suicide is steadily on the increase. According to the figures of *Frederick L. Hoffman*, the state of affairs in the matter of suicides in the United States is as follows:—

The average rate of suicide in each 100,000 population of sixty-five American cities having an aggregate population of 84,414,594 was 19.5 for the five years 1904-1908. In the preceding five years it was 17.5 per 100,000, while in the years 1894-1898 inclusive it was only 16.8, making a gain of 2.7 in ten years.