

room of The Lakeside Home. About two o'clock quite a large number of ladies and gentlemen from the city, together with Mr. J. Ross Robertson, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. E. B. Osler and Mr. A. M. Smith, trustees of the Hospital for Sick Children, met in the reception room for the purpose of presenting the graduating nurses with the medals, which are always given in large training schools after a two years' course has been passed and graduates have received certificates of proficiency in knowledge of nursing. Many of the ladies who form the committee of twenty-five in connection with the Hospital were present, including the president, Mrs. W. H. Howland, the recording secretary, Mrs. W. M. Merritt, Mrs. D. S. Bethune, Mrs. Dumble, Mrs. C. S. Goswami, Jr., Mrs. S. C. Gandy, Mrs. Henry Hough, Mrs. Chan. Heron, Mrs. W. S. Lee, Mrs. Charles H. Nelson, Mrs. H. M. Pollard, and Mrs. Edwin Salder.

Of the medical staff there were present Drs. Cameron, G. A. Peters, W. B. Thistle, H. Crawford Scaddan, Geo. Clinean, B. E. McKensie, A. Primrose, J. M. McCallum and Dr. Robinson, the resident physician, and Dr. Armstrong, his assistant at The Lakeside Home.

THE TENTH YEAR AT THE LAKE-SIDE.

The meeting was held in the handsome reception room of The Lakeside Home, the folding doors being thrown open, thus affording ample accommodation for the visitors. The entire staff of nurses at The Lakeside Home, with the graduates, were seated on the right and left of the room, dressed in the pretty blue chambray uniforms adopted by the Hospital. Mr. Robertson opened the meeting by a general reference to the work of the Hospital and the sanitarium on the Island. He stated that this was the tenth year since the opening of The Lakeside Home that during that time nearly two thousand children had passed through the Hospital for Sick Children, and of this number a thousand had received the benefits of The Lakeside Home. The Training School in connection with the Hospital was one of the most important features of the work. It gave the trustees unqualified pleasure to learn from the eminent surgeons and physicians, who had examined the nurses as to their proficiency, that nothing could be more satisfactory than the results of the examination through which they had passed, and that, in nearly every case, the points gained were within from three to five of the highest number obtainable. He regarded the work of nursing, which commended itself to humanity at large, as a loving work, which

truly might be called one of the fine arts. Whatever excellence men might reach in the sphere allotted to them in life, there was one of many spheres in which woman excelled, and that was the work of caring for the sick and helpless ones. The work of nursing was commanding attention in all the great centres of population, and in all large hospitals the aim seemed to be to make those who were to have charge of the sick as proficient in their work as possible. The work of the Training School spoke well for the lady superintendent, Miss Underhill, and also for the medical men who had during the past two years delivered one or more lectures each week to the competitors for certificates.

THE WORK OF TRAINING.

Mr. Robertson then asked Miss Underhill to give some particulars of the work of the Training School. Miss Underhill said that it gave her much pleasure to speak of the work of the Training School of the Hospital for Sick Children, which was a comparatively new institution in connection with the work; for, although the Hospital had been established in 1875, it was not until 1888 that the first certificate was granted, and that to Miss Hamilton, who had done such efficient service during the diphtheria epidemic at the Isolation Hospital at Riverdale Park. From that time to the present fifteen nurses had received certificates, eight of whom were to receive medals to-day. Fifty applications for admission to the school had been received since December, 1901. Out of these, 29 applicants had been accepted; two were now on probation and fourteen have been accepted as pupil nurses. Out of 15 who have graduated, seven are now in highly responsible positions, some in charge of private hospitals and others in private work. Miss Chaplin, who graduated in 1901, is now the superintendent of the Isolation Hospital. Miss Smedley, who graduated in 1901, is now head nurse of Dr. Temple's private hospital, and Mrs. Ballie, one of the graduates of March, 1903, has been appointed nurse of the Nursing-at-Home Mission on Bayter street, while Miss Graves, another graduate of March, 1903, goes to the Brockville General Hospital. During the winter months the course of instruction has been varied. Many lectures have been given by the surgeons and physicians connected with the Hospital, viz. Dr. McKensie on surgery; Dr. Thistle, on medicine, typhoid fever, diphtheria, tuberculosis and infant diet; Dr. Macbeth, on obstetrical nursing; Dr. G. A. Peters, on bandaging; Dr. Clinean, on scarlet fever