

Brockville Asylum was completed. With reference to inebriates, he hoped the general hospitals would take the initiative and test the effects of the proposed treatment. The Hon. Dr. Ross announced that the removal of the boys from the Penetanguishene reformatory to a new institution in Oxford County would make that building available for the reception of some of the lunatics. He also supported Mr. Davis's view as to the initiative being taken by the general hospitals in the treatment of inebriates.

THE TORONTO GENERAL HOSPITAL TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.

The graduating exercises of this excellent training school for nurses, on Friday evening, October 20th, were very interesting. Certificates and medals were presented to the large graduating class of seventeen. The most important feature, as far as the school is concerned, was the fact that this is the first class that has completed the "three years' course" which was inaugurated in 1896.

The course of study was then increased from two to three years, partly because it had been done in Great Britain, and in one of the nursing schools in the United States, but chiefly because it was thought that a great improvement in the character of the instruction would ensue, and that the nurses would acquire more accurate knowledge and practical skill.

The working of the school during the last three years has been watched with great interest, and the results of the recent examination were studied with considerable care. As a result we can say without any doubt that there is now a general consensus of opinion that the change has increased the efficiency of the school, and it is altogether unlikely that any one will in the future recommend a return to the old system.

We notice in the *Globe* a word of warning given in a friendly way, to the effect that a well-trained nurse should be thoughtful and considerate to all parties living in a house, especially towards the mistress, and avoid making extra work for the servants and others. We quite agree with "Chit Chat," although we hope that such a note of warning is scarcely needed