

reason why I may be pardoned if I speak a little at length to them to-day.

My first duty, of course, is to congratulate you, and I do so from the bottom of my heart, on having to-day attained the goal of your hopes and aspirations. It has been a long and weary fight, accomplished under all sorts of disadvantages, but you have conquered all obstacles and have come forth with flying colors. We realize only too well what these disadvantages have been, but we have been powerless to avoid the conditions. We are a modest institution, in size and equipment, and we have not been able to offer certain advantages attainable in other larger and more favored hospitals. Your accommodation here is unsuitable and cramped, and your opportunities for rest and recreation very limited, but you have accepted the situation loyally, and have surmounted the disadvantages of the situation, and have realized, I am sure, that we have given you in your education the best that we had.

Coming to closer quarters, it seems opportune to say that the cross words and black looks and irritability of temper shown at times towards you have been a necessity. In the first place, it is inseparable from your training, and while many a night you have laid down your aching head on your pillow, almost determined to retire from the fight, yet other occasions of triumph and well-doing have been accomplished by light hearts and glistening eyes when you were commended. This adverse criticism has been primarily done for the benefit of the sick under your care at the time, and for those who may hereafter be under your care, because it is essential that orders must be faithfully obeyed and executed, and firm discipline maintained. If it were otherwise, the whole hospital machinery, often very delicate, would absolutely run riot. Recollect that you are not singular in the making of errors; it happens to all of us; it is a necessity of our human nature. There is a well-authenticated record, buried, I hope, deep down in the archives of St. Luke's Hospital, that our present estimable Lady Superintendent once made a mistake. Is not that wonderful? Is it not a source of encouragement to us all? I fancy, if the truth were only known, the same might be said of her capable assistant in the work. They are none the worse for it, and neither are we. When a vacancy was created in the office of Lady Superintendent of this training school, owing to the lamented death of Miss Chesley, we chose one of our distinguished graduates, whom we knew so well, and one who had filled the position of Assistant Superintendent so satisfactorily, and offered her the position at once. His Grace the Archbishop, here with us to-day, will be able to tell you officially what