

The names of the graduates were: Miss P. Mott, Aylmer, Que.; Miss M. McKinnon, Miss F. Vance, Miss F. McConnell, Miss M. Owen, Miss C. Latimer, Miss L. McDermott, Miss F. Sheridan, Miss F. West, and Miss E. Exton.

The Chairman then called upon Dr. Robert W. Powell to address the nurses in valedictory.

Dr. Powell, on rising, said:

May it please Your Royal Highness, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,—

Like others who have preceded me on this interesting occasion, it seems incumbent upon me to offer an apology for my appearance to-day to say a few words of encouragement and of farewell to the graduating class.

The Board of Governors and the Medical Board, which, I may say, has some administrative functions in this institution, have thought it a great pity that this present class of young ladies should be allowed to escape from the hospital without a few words of advice and farewell from the Secretary of the Board, and one who has taken in the past a deep interest in all that concerned the education of the nurses.

My colleagues on the Medical Board are by nature a retiring body of men when such functions as the present have to be undertaken; but in some other walks of life, when they appear dressed in official garb, with white operating gowns and rubber gloves, they are not so retiring in disposition. Then again my enforced absence from the graduating exercises for the past two years gave them an opportunity to do me a favor and good turn, from their point of view, and to allow me to take advantage of this occasion to blow off some bottled steam.

This class of 1912 graduates are particularly to be congratulated that the gracious lady occupying the most exalted position in Canada now has so generously consented to be present to-day to deliver personally to the members of the class their diplomas and medals, and I am sure no one who thinks on the subject at all can fail to realize what an occasion such as this must mean to the young ladies before us, and how it must be a stimulus to them, accentuated as the day is by the presence of royalty and by the countenance of all the friends whom they most value, to so fashion their future conduct and career that none of us will ever regret having been present on this interesting, and more or less solemn, occasion. This present class have not had the opportunity of listening to me from the lecture platform, as has been my custom, and that is a still further