

plished to-day in the granting of these diplomas, and we await the completion of these aims in the establishment of the medical school.

Let me congratulate you as the first of the goodly bands which, year by year, shall distribute far and wide the blessings of this Institution.

I may express, Mr. President, on behalf of your medical staff, our gratification at the success of the Training School and our appreciation of the character of the work that has been done—in every respect in keeping with the high standard expected by the profession, the city and the country. I have been a hospital physician long enough to have watched the various steps in the evolution of the trained nurse, and can speak of the value of the great change which has been made. I can assure you, Sir, and the Members of the Board of Trustees, that the sick, for whose welfare you have been, through your deputies, directly responsible, have received at the hands of these, your graduates, every consideration, kindness and attention,—not that perfunctory, routine care which strains the very quality of mercy, but an interested devotion worthy of the spirit which we hope shall always characterize the work of this place.

And let me assure you, members of the graduating class, that although you go away out of our lives and that of the Institution, you still belong to us, and your welfare is our happiness. In