

appointed as his successor Dr. W. S. England, who had been one of the house surgeons in the Montreal General Hospital, and who was recommended to the Board by several of the leading physicians and surgeons connected with that institution. The Board are glad to be able to express their satisfaction with the manner in which Dr. England has discharged the exacting and difficult duties of his position, a position that demands not only competent medical skill and experience, but also administrative and executive ability in no ordinary degree.

In April last the Board decided that the appointment of a supervising or head nurse would tend to increase the efficiency both of the Hospital and of the Training School for Nurses, and the appointment was offered to and accepted by Miss M. C. Laidlaw, who had received her training as a nurse in, and was one of the first graduates of, our own Training School, and the Board are pleased to be able to say that all the advantages they hoped for have resulted from Miss Laidlaw's appointment.

The staff of nurses in the Hospital now consists of the head nurse and four trained nurses, all of whom have graduated from our own Training School, and twelve pupil nurses, who are now taking the course of instruction in the School. As regards the Hospital itself, the Training School in connection with it has proved to be a very great benefit, and that it also is felt to be a benefit to the public, apart from the nursing it provides for the patients in the Hospital, is shewn by the fact that during the year 120 applications were received for nurses to attend patients in private houses. Nurses were available, however, to supply only sixty-one of these applications.

The report of the Medical Superintendent, and the medical and surgical statistics of the Hospital for the year, are printed in the appendix. Dr. England calls attention, as did Dr. O'Reilly last year, to the necessity of enlarging and improving the laundry, and steps will have to be taken at once to provide better laundry accommodation. As Dr. England points out, the number of typhoid fever cases in the Hospital last year was nearly 100 less than there was the year before. Had there been as many cases last year, the Hospital could not have accommodated the patients that would have been applying for admission, for, as it was, the general wards, and

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