

NURSING AS A VOCATION

To Prospective Applicants:

It is quite unnecessary to elaborate on the nobleness of the Nursing Profession as a vocation for young women, when you reflect for a moment or two on the services rendered by our Nurses in the recent war abroad and throughout the disastrous epidemic of influenza at home, when they all worked under most strenuous and dangerous conditions, many of whom giving up their lives for the cause. There must be an incipient ambition in the life of every young woman to serve in the ranks of these noble women and take up the work. We hear on all sides that this profession is the highest and noblest calling for women of today, and we do think it is true, for in their daily life they come in contact with such conditions and such a serious side of life whilst in touch with suffering humanity, that it brings out of a woman the best that is in her, and moulds for her a noble character, enriched with the highest ideals and qualifications, in so much that we look upon a Nurse as a superwoman almost, demanding from all a certain reverence.

The field of Nursing has broadened greatly during the past few years, and especially during the war. At one time it was confined entirely to the care of the sick, but today the duties have been extended to the field of scientific and preventative medicine, thus requiring a broader education and the assuming of much greater responsibilities than heretofore. Large fields have rapidly opened up in Public Health, Social Service, Laboratory Work, etc., as well as an immeasurably broadened scope of institutional work, and today many are doing work that was formerly done by medical men. This enlarging of the field and scope of duty has caused a demand, and there is a scarcity of applicants in our Training School, as well as a shortage of Nurses suitable for filling the institutional positions vacant.

The opportunity to train in our own province under the present conditions is most desirable. The Vancouver General Hospital, a highly accredited and standardized institution, has in connection with it a large Training School, and offers to Nurses today a training unsurpassed. The following is a brief summary of information regarding same.