

NOVA SCOTIA HOSPITAL

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Graduation Exercises.

Prayer

Opening Remarks- Hon. Commissioner

Explanatory- Supt. of Nurses.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Presentation of Prizes.

Valedictory- Miss Flemming

Address to Graduates, President McKenzie

Address, Dr. Sinclair

Address, Mr. Kenney

?Address, Dr. A. H. MacKay

The Honourable the Commissioner of Public Works and
Mines, and the Staff of the Nova Scotia Hospital

respectfully invite

President MacKenzie MacKenzie

to attend the Graduating Exercises of

The Training School for Nurses

and to inspect Hospital and Grounds

on Friday, July Fourth, at 2.30 p. m.

THE FAVOUR OF AN ANSWER IS REQUESTED
TO DR. HATTIE, AT MOUNT HOPE

I realize quite fully ... slavery

I am very glad ...

Our American neighbours ...

.. what I heartily congratulate you for

But I take pleasure ...

^{Suppression}
.. work limitation

And you have come to know

"we were quite among you, even among
- - - Christian nurses.

But there will be compensations ..

.. heaven - earth

But don't take your profusion

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Nova Scotia Hospital Closing Exercises
Fri. July 4th 1913

Mr Superintendent and ladies and gentlemen:-
I realize quite fully that we have here with us some very important personages, Honorable Commissioners of Works and Mines, etc., etc.; but I think we can well afford to disregard them and dismiss them from our minds on this occasion which should be entirely in honour of this class of graduates from the training school connected with the Hospital. I had the pleasure of being present at the closing of the Provincial Normal School at Truro and found the Hon. Com^r. of Works and Mines there in his official capacity; and again we have the pleasure of seeing him here today as the superior authority in connection with this Hospital also. At first sight it might seem strange to you, as it did to me, that such endeavours as teaching and healing came under the head of works and mines.

However you nurses can speak for your profession, as I
 can for mine, that it does mean work - and hard work;
 So the first part of the combination of Works and Mines
 is very apposite. I supposed that the second part meant
 that Mr Armstrong was expected ^{to go round these institutions and} to blow somebody up
 for something wherever he went; but at Truro he was
 most gentle and approving. I am wondering whether ^{today} ~~he~~
 is going to earn the other half of his pay today.

I am very glad to be here today to add my word
 of congratulation to those who having set themselves a
 goal have reached it. I do not like the way in which,
 on occasions like this and the graduating ceremonies
 of our Colleges, those who are privileged to speak to the
 graduates take the line of thought that you have not
 reached anywhere yet, that you are just beginning
 real life, just prepared for struggle, and so forth, and so forth.

Our American neighbours have even chosen the word "Commencement" to exaggerate this phase. I object to the word as not appropriate. When you resolutely undertake the task of preparing yourself for a definite career, when you marked out a line of endeavour, you put yourselves on test. When you have won out; when you have reached your goal; when you have conquered disappointments, discouragements, and despairings; that is, when you have conquered yourself; when you have climbed the path, and reached the top, and enjoy the consciousness of knowing that you have done things you set out to do, and that therefore you can do the things that are to come if entered upon with the same spirit; there is no time to crown you with the word "commencement" - but with the word "accomplishment". You commenced a long time ago; you have now accomplished; and I want to heartily congratulate you upon it.

But I take pleasure in congratulating you not only be-
 cause you have won your spurs, but also on the noble
 nature of the work you are giving yourself to. What a far
 different thing it is, 14th Chairman, to contemplate this group
 of young women ready to do their utmost to alleviate
 bodily and mental ^{distress} misery, than that band of ^{educated but} ~~of~~ ^{de-} ~~serting~~ ^{de-}
 mented women in England who for a cause, be it never so
 worthy in itself, bebase themselves to the level of the degenerate
 criminal class, and that in the name of civilization and right.
 I know of no calling, not even excepting teaching and medicine,
 for which women are so peculiarly fitted as the profession
 of nursing. It is not only that they are eminently well qual-
 ified by nature for it; but it is ^{also} the one sphere of woman's
 domain in which men cannot replace them ^{even} tolerably well.

Man may be cooks, or dressmakers, or milliners; but as nurses their limitations are marked.

And you have cause to know, better than the layman can tell you, that it is not a profession of ease that you have gone in to, but one that is arduous and exacting, and that will call for an exhibition of all the virtues in the Calendar. Patience and cheerfulness will be expected as if they were indigenous, not virtues; gentleness, without saying; you may remember Paul in one of his Epistles says - "we were gentle among you, even as a nurse". Then you will be expected to fairly exude Sympathy and comfort; and forbearance is supposed to be an acquired habit; the patient will feel that he can do all the sleeping for two, himself and you, and that you will only be too pleased to have

the monotony of your day broken by his providing cau-
 tious calls for your help. Learn to do with as little
 eating as possible also, it lightens the work of the maids in
 the house, ^{and don't be surprised if you are asked to take a turn at the cookstove}
 to ^{the day's} bridge game became a habit now with the best class of ^{Christian} nurses.

But there will be compensations. You will have
 the satisfaction of knowing you are doing good to your
 fellows and bringing relief to suffering; you will have the
 satisfaction of feeling you have put to a good use the
 talents God has endowed you with, and that you will carry
 away with you the blessings and affection of those your hands
 have ministered to. Not even if you were a heaven-sent
 Cook, ~~would you have~~ and had the love of all the Jews and
 would ^{would} you be so happy. Intend it to be your life-work, ^{but}

But don't take your profession too seriously - don't
 make it your life-work. Come down in time from twining

have a wonderful likeness to

Grown-ups to nursing babies that look like yourself.
 You will have a fine opportunity of having the species
 man right under your thumb, where you can study the
 beast at leisure, and learn by careful and thorough
 inspection what constitutes a less worthless one, and
 what kinds ^{only six} are to be put away in preserving bottles.
 When you see ^{prefer} the ^{and} man, you think ^{he} could not be happy
 without you, many times before he knows it. You
 will have the added satisfaction of knowing that
 you have made room for a younger sister who has
 finished her training, and is looking for trouble.