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THE SCHOOL HAS BEEN CORDIALLY ENDORSED BY
THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMEN.

President Porter, New Haven. BENJ. H. CATLIN, M.D., Meriden.
Ex-President Woolsey, " ISAAC G. PORTER, M.D., N. London.
Rev. Leonard Bacon, " JOHN S. BUTLER, M.D., Hartford.
Rev. B. G. Northrop, Clinton. H. P. STEARNS, M.D., "
Levi Ives, M.D., New Haven. G. W. ROUSELL, M.D., "
Robert S. Ives, M.D., " G. W. AVERY, M.D., "
Francis Bacon, M.D., " Rev. JOSEPH TWITCHELL, "
S. G. Hubbard, M.D., " Hubert Hubbard, M.D., Bridgeport.
M. C. White, M.D., " GIDEON L. PLATT, M.D., Waterbury.
Leonard J. Sanford, M.D., " B. N. Cominos, M.D., New Britain.
Will L. Bradley, M.D., " S. W. HART, M.D., "
G. B. Farnam, M.D., " E. B. Lyoss, M.D., "

Bishop Williams, of Connecticut.

To churches, the Society desires to state that pupils can be
received by the school, and educated as Missionary Nurses, for
five dollars a week. Those intending to give their time to home
or foreign missions would greatly increase their usefulness by
such a practical course of training as this school affords.
Earnest and self-denying women may here find a remunerative
profession that will make their presence a blessing wherever they
may be called.
Information concerning the school will be furnished by any of
the members of the Executive Committee of the Society.
COMMITTEE OF ADMINISTRATION.

President.
Mrs. Noah Porter.

Vice-President.
Mrs. H. Farnam, New Haven. Mrs. G. M. Bartholomew, Hartford.
Mrs. F. J. Kingsbury, Waterbury.

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Mrs. Charles B. Richards.

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Mr. Charles A. Sheldon. Mr. Wilbur F. Day. Ex-Gov. James E. English.
Mr. John B. Fitch.

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Mrs. Daniel C. Eaton, Mrs. Lester Bradley, Miss Susan Bradley.
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Mrs. H. E. M. Babcock, Moses C. White, M.D.
Mrs. Maurice Kingsley, George B. Farnam, M.D.
Mrs. C. B. Richards, Leonard J. Sanford, M.D.

William L. Bradley, M.D.

Lady Superintendent of the School.
Miss Cunmier.

Assistant.
Miss J. L. Patterson.

NURSES' HOME.

Visiting Committee.
Mrs. William Fitch. Mrs. F. Wayland.

Matron.
Mrs. Hitchcock.

RULES FOR PUPILS.

The Committee of the Connecticut Training School for Nurses have made arrangements with the authorities of the New Haven Hospital for giving one year's training to women desirous of becoming professional nurses. Those wishing to receive this course of instruction must apply to the Secretary of the Society, when, if approved by the Executive Committee, they will be accepted as pupils in the Hospital. The candidates must be over 23 and under 40 years of age, and must present a certificate from a clergyman and a physician as to their good moral character and sound health. They will be received for one month on probation, without compensation.

They will be under the authority of the Superintendent of Nursing, and subject to the rules of the Hospital. The Superintendent will have full power to decide as to their fitness for the work, and the propriety of retaining or dismissing them within the month of trial. She can also discharge them at any time, with the approval of the Committee of the Training School, in case of misconduct or inefficiency.

Those fulfilling the conditions of the probationary month, will be accepted as Pupil Nurses. They must then sign a written agreement to remain under the direction of the School for nineteen months. They will reside in or near the Hospital, and serve as nurses in the wards for men and women. They will pass through the different wards of the Hospital, serving and being taught for twelve months, and will be supplied with board, washing and lodging as an equivalent for their services. No charge is made for instruction, and they receive 182 dollars during the entire course of study. Two vacations will be given during the term; one of two weeks and one of a month. During the last six months of their connection with the School, the nurses will be assigned to special duties in the Hospital, or sent to the care of patients in private families.
THE INSTRUCTION INCLUDES

1. The dressing of blisters, burns, sores and wounds; the application of fomentations, poultices, and minor dressings.
2. The application of leeches.
3. The administration of enemas.
4. The use of catheter.
5. The keeping of temperature records.
6. The best methods of applying friction to the body and extremities.
7. The management of helpless patients; moving, changing, giving baths in bed, preventing and dressing bed sores, and managing positions.
8. Bandaging, making bandages and rollers.
9. Making patients' beds, and removing sheets while the patient is in bed.
10. The keeping of all utensils, sponges, bed, tables, etc., perfectly clean.

The Pupils will be taught the preparation of nice articles of diet, and of drinks and stimulants for the sick; also to understand the art of ventilation, and to make accurate observations of the various symptoms of the patient, and report them to the physician.

Teaching will be given at the bedside of the patients and in classes, by the Superintendent of Nursing.

While in the Hospital, the Pupils will be expected to wear a simple uniform dress, to be decided upon by the Committee; such a dress is adopted by all the Sisterhoods of Europe, and enables the physician on entering a ward at once to distinguish the nurse from all other persons.

When the full term is ended, the nurses thus trained will each receive a certificate of ability and good character, signed by a physician of the Committee, and by the President of the Society. Efforts will also be made to secure for the graduates positions in Hospitals or in private families where there is sickness. The certificates will require to be renewed at fixed periods, in order to prevent the public from being imposed upon, and to keep up the nurses' interest in the School.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT

AT THE

ANNUAL MEETING, JANUARY 27, 1886.

In opening this annual meeting of the Connecticut Training School for Nurses, it is natural for its managers to look back over the twelve years of its history and see from what small beginnings it has grown to be an institution which can stand by the side of any in the country.

The first few years were full of trial and often discouragement, but with faithful and unremitting attention and never-failing care and effort, the School has become complete in its arrangements, thorough in its training, and satisfactory in its work in the Hospital and private families. We have been fortunate in securing able and efficient head nurses and their assistants, and the pupils are all respectable, and many of them well-educated girls and women.

This year has passed with nothing eventful or of unusual interest to mark the history of the School, except the addition of a wing to its Home. This, though only finished and furnished a short time, already proves of advantage, and relieves a long-felt want—suitable accommodation for nurses who may be ill, especially with contagious diseases.

During the past two years, large donations have been made to our treasury by one of our patrons and friends, which were set aside for a building fund for this wing.

With an added contribution from the same source, and from those of other friends, we have been able to pay the whole expense of both building and furnishing it.

To those who have so kindly and generously aided us, we wish to express our hearty thanks.

The School continues to gain in the interest and good will of the community, and with only a rare exception to prove the rule, the nurses give satisfaction, and most of them are spoken of with the highest praise by their employers.

The system of ward-head nurses, commenced last year, has worked admirably, proving a help to the physicians, an advantage to the patients, and an excellent training to those employed. Its value to the School and Hospital can hardly be overestimated.
REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

A review of the work of the Training School during the year 1885 affords gratifying evidence of steady progress and increasing usefulness.

The curriculum of study, prepared with great care early in the preceding year, has been thoroughly tested, and is found very valuable; securing to the pupils a regular advance during every stage of their course. The system of Ward Head Nurses, also introduced in 1884, is now fully established, and has proved a very important advance in our method of systematizing the work of the Hospital.

Miss Creemer, our Superintendent of Nursing, has conducted the school with great ability and faithfulness. We have also been favored in having a very earnest and intelligent class of pupils; appreciating their advantages, and working zealously and patiently "in season and out of season" most literally.

Our number of pupil nurses at present is forty-one; twenty-eight of these are still pursuing their year's course in the school; twelve are nursing in private families and one is retained for special service in Hospital.

The regular instruction of the year has been as follows:—

- Fifteen demonstrations in anatomy and physiology by Professor Moses C. White;
- Seven lectures on obstetrics by Dr. William Hawks;
- Practical instruction in obstetrics to the senior nurses in maternity cases;
- One lecture on the action of the heart by Dr. Bogart;
- Recitations for each class three times weekly, from the Hand Book of Nursing and text-books of anatomy and physiology, conducted by the Superintendent of Nursing;
- Very careful clinical instruction at the bedside, by Drs. Bogart, Lewis and Craig;
- The use of the electric battery;

A thorough course in the Diet Kitchen.

Five lectures on "Emergencies," given by leading physicians in town last winter, were attended by a large class of our nurses. The Committee were fortunate in making arrangements early in the year for a post-graduate course in the maternity wards of the New York Infirmary; the Nursery and Child's Hospital have also received our pupils, and the following nurses have had the benefit of this special instruction:—

Miss Bill, Miss Paxson, Miss Starr, Miss Beardsley, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Young, Miss Shullis, Miss Daniels and Miss Fisher.

The usual quarterly examinations have been conducted by the Superintendent of Nursing, in the presence of members of the Executive Committee; and Dr. Bradley has kindly examined all candidates for diplomas. During the year diplomas have been awarded to eighteen nurses who have satisfactorily completed the entire course.

The total number of cases treated in the Hospital during the year has been eight hundred and six; making a daily average of a little over one hundred and five. One hundred and twenty-five operations have been performed, and there have been four hundred and eighteen surgical cases. The proportion of acute diseases has also been unusually large, making the service of the year an arduous one, and requiring a larger number of nurses in proportion to the number of patients than ever before.

Not unfrequently nurses have been pressed into service as special night watchers after a long day of hospital work; responding to the call with a cheerfulness worthy of the highest praise.

Thirty cases have been cared for in the isolating cottages; each patient requiring—with one exception—the attendance of at least two nurses, who were thus temporarily banished from both Hospital and Home.

The School has received three hundred and five calls for nurses during the year; one hundred and sixty-seven of these have been answered by our pupil nurses; ninety-eight by our graduate nurses; leaving only forty unanswered, or referred to untrained nurses.

Our missionary fund has furnished "aid and comfort" to six needy families in time of illness; and the skill and efficiency of our nurses have been gratefully appreciated. One mother in deep affliction at the loss of her little boy expressed great comfort in the confident belief that her child had received "the best care that could be given."
The generous contributions of friends of the School have enabled us this year to add a wing to the Nurses’ Home; the increased number of nurses required for the Hospital service, having so over-crowded our dormitory that such an addition became an imperative necessity.

A comfortable Infirmary for our nurses was another very pressing want which has been relieved by the enlargement of our Home; in its crowded condition, an attic room temporarily fitted up, was the only one that could be devoted to this use. The new Infirmary occupies half of one floor of the wing; an airy, pleasant room, with an open fireplace, is provided for the patient, and a communicating room for the nurse in charge. There is also a private bathroom, and, by means of an outside entrance and double doors, the whole suite can be completely isolated when necessary.

Our Dormitory is now complete in all its appointments, and we desire once more to express our warmest thanks to the friends who have so kindly provided this restful home, where our tired nurses may escape, for awhile, the scenes of suffering which constantly surround them in their hospital life. The warm, ready sympathy of our Superintendent of Nursing for every pupil under her charge, gives to this gathering-place the atmosphere of a true home.

Places in the School have been more eagerly sought this year than ever before. The success of our graduates is often mentioned as the stimulating motive, but there seems to be a growing desire on the part of young women who are not compelled to earn a livelihood, to be of some real use in the world. One hundred and sixty applications have been received during the year; the kindly mention of our Training School in the October Century swelled the list very noticeably.

We are greatly indebted to the visiting physicians and surgeons for their very kind attendance upon our nurses in illness; to Drs. Bogart, Lewis and Craig for their valuable clinical instruction, and to Dr. Bradley for his kindness in conducting examinations.

We would also acknowledge the courtesy shown to the School by the Hospital Society; by Mr. Starkweather, the Superintendent, and by all the Hospital officials.

A. E. Richards.

ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATES.

[From Bishop Williams.]

Diocese of Connecticut, May 8, 1876.

The work of training skilled nurses for the care of sick persons in all conditions of life, is one of the best and most useful works of a Christian civilization. I know no words too strong to express my conviction of the admirable provision made by the School for Training Nurses, connected with the Connecticut General Hospital in New Haven. Its plans are excellent and admirably carried out. I warmly commend it to the sympathy and material aid of the clergy and people of the diocese.

J. WILLIAMS, Bishop of Connecticut.

[From Dr. S. H. Chapman.]

May 13, 1885.

Miss D—— has given entire satisfaction in following directions given, and has furthermore shown decision and judgment during the absence of the physician.

[From Mr. Henry Gray Carleton.]

Nov. 9, 1885.

I have only one statement to make, and that is concurred in by both physicians attending. The recovery of ——— from an illness with but one chance in a hundred for her life, was as much due to Miss C—— s skill, unflinching resolution and tenderness, as to the science which directed the remedies. For ten weeks her devotion night and day knew no limit, and she has won the lasting gratitude of both her patient and myself.

[From Mr. James G. English.]

June 26, 1885.

I desire to say the services rendered by Miss B—— during the
illness of— for about three weeks, have been very satisfactory. We have found her efficient and watchful, kind and agreeable, and desire to recommend her to any parties requiring the services of a good nurse.

[From Mr. Leopold Resser.

NOV. 14, 1885.

It is with great pleasure that I express the fact that Mrs. P— who has acted as nurse for my son during his serious illness, at which tracheotomy was performed, in a very great measure contributed to his welfare and (what now seems assured) his ultimate recovery. In all the multifarious and delicate duties to be performed in such cases, and in carefulness and gentleness combined with a ladylike manner, I feel confident that no one could have done better, and I shall always feel as if to her care he owed his life.

[From Dr. Thomas H. Russell.

JUNE 23, 1885.

Miss L— has performed all her duties as nurse in a manner perfectly satisfactory both to the patient and to myself. I would heartily recommend her to anyone in need of a skillful nurse.

[From Dr. Oliver D. Hughes.

DEC. 8, 1885.

Miss R— had charge of a case under my treatment, and I must say seconded me in every way, showing good sense, and being willing at all times to obey orders to the letter—a quality very seldom met with in professional nurses—and I cheerfully recommend her to anybody wanting a reliable and competent nurse.

[From Dr. Geo. R. Shepherd.

JAN. 14, 1885.

I take pleasure in certifying that the gentle manners, good judgment and faithful and efficient services displayed by Miss S— while attending my patient, Miss—, were in every way highly satisfactory both to the patient and myself.

Physicians or others desiring to secure the services of trained nurses for men or women, medical or surgical patients, should apply by telegraph or letter, stating the nature of the case, to the Superintendent of Nursing, New Haven Hospital.

The price per week for the services of a nurse sent from the Hospital to a family in this State is $12.00 and her expenses. If a nurse is sent out of this State, the price will be $15.00 per week and traveling expenses. It can not be too strongly impressed upon the public that it is truer economy, and safer for the patient, to employ a reliable nurse, than to indulge in a natural but misplaced sentiment, which sacrifices the strength of an entire family to the care of one invalid member.
GRADUATES.

Miss Lucena Van Woert.
Miss Mary Riley.
Miss Ellen V. Clark.
Miss Rachel Bailey.
Miss Elizabeth Elder.
Miss Chloe Roberts.
Miss Sarah Morris.
Miss Sarah Newell.
Miss Cynthia Langdon.
Mrs. Oliver Kinnie.
Miss Susan Lyman.
Miss Emma Perry.
Miss Ellen Sikes.
Mrs. Theresa Chevalier.
Miss Caroline Wilson.

Miss Sarah Duffee.
Mrs. Julia Sanford.
Miss Caroline Fechter.
Miss Alice H. Colton.
Miss Mary A. Andrews.
Miss Jennie L. Bacon.
Miss Ada J. Porter, appointed Superintendent of Nursing,
Hampton Normal School, Va.
Mrs. M. E. Margattoy.
Mrs. J. A. Wilson.
Miss Caroline Griffin.
Miss Kate Van Voorhis.
Miss Christiana Duff.
Miss Charlotte B. Field.
Miss Anne G. Clement, Superintendent of Nursing, Pittsfield
Cottage Hospital.
Miss Elizabeth Creemer, Superintendent of Connecticut Training
School for Nurses.
Miss Emily Leach.
Miss Helen A. Brittain.
Miss Elizabeth H. Gorton.
Miss Emma E. Hawkes.
Miss Mary E. Coit.
Miss Mary J. Walker.
Miss Julia E. Love.
Miss Eva A. Castle.
Miss Matilda H. Ramsay.
Miss Estella Merriman.
Miss Lottie E. Keach.
Miss Emma F. Ball.
Miss Alice Ellis.
Miss Mary E. Cook.
Miss Theresa Trumper.
Miss Bessee A. Miner.
Miss Edith E. Hollister.
Mrs. Charissa H. Pike, Superintendent Memorial Hospital,
Orange, N. J.
Miss Josephine G. Peck.
Miss Agnes M. Sheldon.
Miss Frances J. Flagg.
Miss Lizzie M. Kinsman.
Mrs. Eliza A. Clark.

**CHARLES A. SHELDON, Treasurer, in account with "The Connecticut Training School for Nurses."**

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**CHARLES A. SHELDON, Treasurer.**

New Haven, Jan. 13, 1886.

Examined and found correct.

A. D. OSPORNE, | Auditor,
WILBUR F. DAY, | Auditor.

Since the accounts for the year were closed, bills to the amount of $497.91, contracted during the year, and which should have appeared in this account, have been presented for payment.
Report of the Treasurer of Executive Committee.

OLIVIA H. DAY, Treasurer of Executive Committee, in account with "Connecticut Training School for Nurses."

1885.

Dr.

2. To balance from last year $76.06

Received from the Treasurer, 5,949.10

" " " interest on fund for Missionary cases, 40.00 5,989.10

Received from friends 37.50

Sale of text books to nurses 45.00

$6,147.66

Ca.

1885.

By payments to nurses $5,194.59

Materials for uniforms 112.16

Text-books, stationery and adv, 86.53

Bills for printing annual report, etc. 39.55

Expenses for graduating nurses 10.70

Expenses for "Nurses' Home" 517.60

Expended for missionary cases 77.50 6,007.61

Balance to new account 80.05

$6,147.66

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS.

Mr. E. H. Trowbridge ........................................ $500.00

Mr. E. Hayes Trowbridge, Jr. .................................. 25.00

Mrs. T. D. Woolsey ........................................... 10.00

Mrs. Emily B. Sanford ........................................ 10.00

Mrs. Thomas Bennett .......................................... 20.00

Miss Laura Dunham ............................................. 25.00

Mrs. Thomas Welles ........................................... 15.00

Mrs. J. M. Caleb ............................................... 10.00

Mrs. J. F. Dwight ............................................. 10.00

Mrs. B. G. Northrop ........................................... 10.00

$635.00

Large rug for Matron's room, Mrs. William Gale.

Mattress and spring-bed for Infirmary, a friend.

Book-case, four chairs, nest of small tables, small marble-top table, and hassock from Mrs. Perit's home.

3 bound volumes, Harper's Magazine, Mr. Robert Peck.

2 volumes, Ferns of North America, illustrated, Prof. Daniel C. Eaton.

Large number of miscellaneous books, Rev. R. T. Thorne.

Discount on bill by Mr. George Rockwell, $22.00.

Detailed Expenses of Nurses' Home.

Paid to Matron .................................................. $202.20

Making uniforms and cleaning 118.90

Outside Nurses' washing 48.65

Furniture and crockery 16.84

Towels ............................................................. 2.98

Brooms, brushes, etc 4.91

Repairing furniture and glass 9.90

" furnaces 17.72

" plumbing 42.89

Extra payments ................................................ 38.04

Hymn books ..................................................... 3.60

Water bills ...................................................... 38.00

$517.60
Donations for the Extension of the Nurses' Home.

Mr. E. H. Trowbridge, $2,000.00
And Accrued Interest, 41.60
Mr. E. Hayes Trowbridge, Jr., 160.00
Mrs. Hadley McKim, 58.00
Mrs. O. F. Winchester, 160.00
Mrs. B. P. McEwen, New London, 25.00
Mrs. George A. Butler, 10.00
Mrs. Thomas Bennett, 45.00
Mr. S. E. Burroughs, 70.00
Mr. Charles Dickerman, 35.00
Mrs. Barnes, 5.00
Miss Julia Miller, 10.00
A Friend, 200.00
Mr. Justin Hotchkiss, 30.00
Mr. Tredwell Ketcham, 50.00
Mrs. Tredwell Ketcham, 10.00
Mrs. Daniel C. Eton, 10.00
Mrs. Lydia Scranton, 25.00
Miss Mary Scranton, 25.00
Mrs. Theodosia M. Dexter, 25.00
Mr. A. D. Osborne, 30.00
Mrs. Jonathan Edwards, 5.00
Mr. Joel A. Sperry, 25.99
Miss Emily Betts, 25.00
Mr. Geo. Douglas Miller, 25.00
Mr. H. F. Parmelee, 25.00
Mrs. Edward Stevens, 50.00
Mrs. Dr. Crane, 25.00
Mrs. Francis Wayland, 250.00
Mr. H. M. Welch, 50.00
Mrs. William Fitch, 50.00
Mr. Joseph Parker, Jr., 25.00
Mr. S. E. Merwin, Jr., 25.00
Mrs. John S. Beach, 25.00
Mr. Robert Peck, 100.00
Mrs. Dr. L. J. Sanford, 30.00
Miss E. W. Davenport, 15.00
Mr. Geo. W. L. Benedict, 10.00
A Friend, 10.00
Mr. W. R. Tyler, 1.00
Mrs. James P. Dickerman, 19.00
Mrs. M. G. Elliott, 20.00

I have examined the foregoing account and find the same correct.

A. D. OSBORNE, Auditor.

NEW HAVEN, Feb. 8, 1886.