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THIRTEEN NURSES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS: HOSPITAL RESUME

Thirteen young ladies making up the largest class that has yet prepared at the Allentown Hospital's training school for nurses, were graduated last night with fitting ceremonies after a course of study and practice extending over two and a half years.

The commencement, the tenth annual event for the school, was held in the Lyric Theatre and was largely attended, men, unlike most public gatherings of this nature, being very largely represented. This audience, as well as the participants in the exercises were not only entertained but instructed; they were not only gratified by the showing of the hospital but also inspired by the realization of the part the institution plays in this community and the share of all in its success.

The program had a wide range from the eminently practical address of Dr. Alexander C. Abbott for the nurses on their sphere to the psychological study of the cause, effects and cure of worry and fear by Rev. Dr. Stanley Krebs and from the splendid summarizing statements on the hospital work by Hon. Edward Harvey, president of the board of trustees, to the sympathetic appreciative heart-to-heart talk by Dr. Schaeffer to the graduates.

The exercises have never been more notable or delightful or significant. The scene when the curtain arose at 8.15 was one of great beauty. Seated on the stage and forming a solid mass of white were the nurses, headed by Miss Clara Haring, the efficient matron of the hospital. In the front row sat the graduating class and back of them in a half a dozen rows sat the junior class at the training school and graduate nurses, all in the pretty and neat garb of the "Angel of Mercy."

The friends of the graduates remembered them liberally with gifts and flowers. The latter, all the choicest exotics and native flowers of the season, formed a beautiful array, lined up in a bank of color in

front of the nurses of the graduating class.

To the right on the stage sat the board of trustees of the hospital and the physicians, headed by Dr. C. D. Schaeffer and Dr. C. J. Otto, the surgeons, and including quite a number of the former, as well as the present, internes at the hospital.

Seated in the boxes were the officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary of the hospital, wives of directors and the surgeons.

The music was rendered superbly by the Allentown Band under Director Martin Klingler.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. G. A. Schwedes, of Salem Reformed church. He was followed by Hon. Edward Harvey who made a summing up of the hospital's work and prospect.

Dr. Abbott, who is professor of hygiene and bacteriology at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered an address on the relations of the nurse to her calling and the modern life and hygienic ideas. He paid a high tribute to the Allentown hospital, based on a comparison with other institutions.

Rev. Stanley Krebs then spoke on "Two Snakes in the Garden of Eden." In it fear and worry were symbolized by the snakes and the human heart by the Garden of Eden. It was an address full of suggestions of the developing method of treatment of disease by hypnosis and hypnoidation.

Dr. C. D. Schaeffer, the head surgeon, then presented the diplomas on Rev. A. Steimle, of St. John's Lutheran church, pronounced the benediction.

Among the graduate nurses who came on for the exercises were: Miss Clarabel Schmehl, superintendent of the Lancaster General Hospital; Miss Matilda Horn, of the Mt. Sinai Hospital, Philadelphia; Miss Brown, Kutztown State Normal school; Miss Myrtle Freisher, Philadelphia; Mrs. Stella Hell, Sunbury.

