

DIPLOMAS ARE AWARDED HOME NURSING STUDENTS

Several Hundred Attend Formal Exercises at City Hall—Major Brownrigg Tells of Importance of Studies

One hundred and fifty diplomas were given to as many nurses, women of all ages, who for the last 16 weeks have been faithful students of the courses in home nursing given under the Red Cross Public Health committee in City hall auditorium. Several hundred friends and relatives of the graduates were present to congratulate the recipients who came from surrounding towns as well as from this city. Dr. P. J. McLaughlin, chairman of the committee, opened the exercises and introduced Mr. Albert E. Brownrigg, who welcomed the graduates to the ranks of the nurses in an address full of interesting suggestions. He described some of the difficulties of the medical situation at Buffalo when the epidemic of flu struck that city during the war, and pointed out the immense assistance a body of volunteer nurses with the semi-training that the present graduates had received would have been not only in the case of those who had received their diplomas, but also of the assistance that every one of the 400 who had taken partial courses could have rendered.

He also spoke of the opportunities that would inevitably come to them not only in their own homes but among their own friends and sooner or later among strangers to relieve suffering and perhaps save life. "I am astonished he said when I realize the extent of the ground covered by you in the fundamentals of trained nursing. You are not fully trained nurses but you possess the fundamentals and only need to apply them with commonsense to adapt your knowledge to circumstances as they may arise."

Dr. McLaughlin presented Miss Martha Wallace, superintendent of the Memorial hospital, who spoke of the wonderful spirit with which women of all classes rallied to the call for help a year ago and of how much more useful, should another occasion arise, the holders of these diplomas would be to meet the emergency. Each graduate then received her diploma from Miss Wallace.

Dr. McLaughlin also spoke of lessons to be given in the future in first aid classes and in other ways by the Red Cross Committee on Public Health and in appreciation of the services of the trained nurses who had given the instruction averaging 20 hours a week each for the term.

During the evening the O'Connell sisters played a number of musical selections with their usual artistic skill.

The names of those who graduated

Pelham.

Mrs. Dorothy Atwood.
Miss Mary E. Hobbs.
Mrs. Edie Hobbs.
Mrs. Rena Currier
Miss Helen Noyes.
Mrs. Lena Kezer.
Miss Lillian Mann.
Miss Abbie Mann.
Mrs. Florence Piper.
Miss Edna Livingstone.
Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson.
Miss Viola Barton.
Mrs. Mary Sherburne.
Mrs. Maizie Richardson.
Miss Elizabeth Hill.
Mrs. Zena Woodbury.
Mrs. Lilla Hutchinson.
Mrs. Elizabeth Cahill.
Mrs. Lillian Wood.
Miss Clara Jones.
Mrs. Bessie Donovan.
Miss Hazel Donovan.
Mrs. Blanche B. McAllister.
Miss Anna Bergeon.
Miss Lelia Tillokon.
Mrs. Josephine Richardson.
Miss Cora Bigelow.
Mrs. Luella Mansfield.