

to marry, or to live at ease upon their savings. In France, women enter a Nursing community, sometimes very young, with the view of life-long service; the novitiate affords a test of their love and fitness for the work; and although the vows taken by most of the uncloistered Sisterhoods are simple—that is, admit of dispensation—and in some instances are taken only for a limited period, the cases of withdrawal appear to be rare and exceptional. The young Sisters are trained by their elders; the Sisters who are past work spend the remainder of their lives in some house of their Order; and not only does their experience enable them to give valuable advice when they can do nothing else; but the presence of these veterans serves, moreover, to maintain the primitive religious character of the Congregation, and its spirit of self-sacrificing courage; it stamps their institution with an impress of continuity. As an English doctor once said to me, when admitting that Nursing was the one point in which English hospitals were surpassed by the French, "The Nurses are all Sisters, and Sisters have traditions."

In olden days Baume was inhabited and ruled by a chapter of noble Chanoinesses; the Great Revolution swept them away. The magnificent church which they had commenced, without a thought of impending doom, is now a corn-market; the marble slabs are falling from its walls; its finest pillars adorn a distant museum. But we can hardly mourn these bygone glories, when we note the form which female influence has now taken, and admire the lives of charity lived so unostentatiously in Baume-les-Dames. S. E. H.

GOOD FOR EVIL.—Cato said that wise men have more to learn of fools than fools of wise men. Probably he meant that, being wise, they would learn more. Everywhere the wise man is the apt learner; and the lesson of avoidance is one which wisdom will ever glean from the exhibition of folly. While the examples of good and great men are powerful in winning us to love and to imitate their excellences, those of an opposite description may exercise a warning and restraining effect. The cruelty which excites horror and indignation may lead us to cultivate kindness and compassion. The selfishness which appears in such repellent features may cause us to dread and shun it. The fretful and peevish temper, so disagreeable to witness, may stimulate us to be cheerful and patient. The sight of dishonesty, with its lamentable results, may be the turning-point in the career of one just beginning to swerve from strict rectitude. Certain it is that we may, if we will, in some of these ways, reap harvests of good from the evil that is all around us.

NURSING ECHOES.

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SISTER ROSE GERTRUDE, who went out last year to nurse the lepers at Molokai, seems to have been having a very bad time; in fact, there seems to have been quite a conspiracy to get rid of her, which has finally, and most unfortunately for the natives, succeeded. The *Pall Mall Gazette* in a recent issue gives the following account and letter from



Miss Fowler:—"I do not know yet what I am going to do; but for the present I am going to stay on the island a little while to finish some work which has been given me by an author. Then I want to visit Tokelau, Gilbert Islands, Fiji, and Poumoutous, to take notes and photographs of tropical diseases, especially leprosy. I hear they have many diseases and extraordinary ways of treating them in those islands. I am very, very sorry about the people here, but Dr. Lutz could not stay, and the Board of Health does not want me any more, as I made this "Hospital scandal" public. I do not now think I did wrong, because nothing was done for us with regard to the bad Luna."

"FROM the report of the Select Committee of the Hawaiian Board of Health concerning the complaints by Sister Rose Gertrude with regard to the Kalihi Hospital, it appears that a native leper, Charles Kahalehili, acting as a 'Luna,' or Manager, under Mr. Reynolds, the agent of the Board, went about the island speaking against the Sister. This was after the Sister had given 'Charlie' to understand that she knew he did not only act in direct opposition to the Doctor's orders, but also tried to incite the patients 'not to take their medicines, and said a patient was made crazy by the medicines which Sister Rose Gertrude administered.'

"FURTHER light was thrown on 'Charlie's' treatment of his fellow-sufferers by the following statement made by one of the lepers themselves concerning a Fiji Islander who was being treated by Dr. Lutz. John Francisco, the witness, said:—

"I know that Fiji Islander. I was attending on him. He was screaming. I was trying to keep him quiet. Sister came along and telephoned to Dr. Lutz to come over—thought the man was crazy. When the Doctor came he said,

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