

of the reputation of that Society, let us hope the report is true.

August is with us, and here in the city it is the fashion to depreciate this most gorgeous of months. For our own part we enjoy August in London, when the *flaneurs* have flown to pastures new; even if it is true that the air is used up, still there is room to move around and enjoy its never-ending delights. But we are fully aware that for tired hospital workers the one theme of interest at the moment is holidays — holidays at any price — to the seaside if possible, or to the mountains or flowery meads.

Someone has asked "Who discovered the seaside?" and a writer in the *Church Family Newspaper* says: "It is a curious fact that this passion for sand and shingle is entirely a modern innovation. Our forefathers, as we have indicated, spent their various holidays in town or in the neighbouring fields and woods; and when inland watering-places rose into popularity and fashion they were not

popular resorts in the sense in which we call Margate, Brighton, Llandudno, Blackpool, and Douglas popular resorts. Who first discovered and sounded the superior claims of sea-bathing and sea-breezes over mineral waters and thermal baths is not known." Anyway, nurses share this passion for sand and shingle, and it is to be hoped that August may find them a common object of the sea-shore.

There has been but one opinion since the inauguration of the "Bart.'s" League concerning its hon. officers, and to see the President seated between Mrs. Spencer, the Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Andrews as Treasurer, was to feel a delightful sense of confidence in their capacity for business and broad-minded methods of business. But at

the recent annual meeting the members learned with regret that both Mrs. Spencer and Mrs. Andrews desired to resign office at the end of their term of three years' service, inspired by a desire to make room for others, and thus bring in new blood and a wholesome sense of progress. Nothing can be more laudable than the spirit prompting these resignations, and, whilst sincerely regretting the loss of such able officers, it is cheering to know that the members have made very wise selections to succeed them in appointing Mrs. Wates and Mrs. Dyall to the respective positions of Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. In presenting a portrait of Mrs. Wates we realise that her nursing career and excellent work are too well



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known to require retailing; but we know how much our readers like to "locate" those women who are working away for the benefit of our profession—some in one way, some in another—and how a "picture" seems to help one to come into touch with these friends, whom otherwise one might never have the privilege of meeting, or never know by sight.

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