

which for the last quarter of a century has been so much needed will speedily take shape in bricks and mortar.

The charming picture of "The Firstborn" represents a life-like scene with the details of which every maternity nurse who works in the homes of the poor is familiar.

In this connection we hope the day will come when the nurses of St. Bartholomew's will obtain their midwifery and maternity training in the district surrounding the hospital in the same

set of croquet, as there are fine lawns in the Sussex Square Gardens. The weather at Brighton has been superb.

There is an interesting account in a Dutch nursing paper, *Maandblad voor Ziekenverpleging*, of the first annual meeting of the Dutch Nursing "Brothers" Association, held in August, an Association evidently founded on the lines of a female nurses' Association. Brother v. d. Anker is the chairman, Brother Lankhorst the secretary, and Brother Folcherts the treasurer of this Associa-



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way that the students do at present. The benefit from a training point of view would be very great, and the comfort to the poor mothers of the district in having the care of highly-skilled Bart.'s nurses when laid aside would be incalculable.

The Sir Julian Goldsmid Holiday Home at Brighton has been very full during the holidays, and some of the nurses who have been there have given a very handsome clock of polished wood for the dining-room. A subscription has also been started to buy a

tion, which certainly seems to hold very vigorous ideas on the subject of male nurses for men. In his opening address the chairman trusts: "That all brothers, singly and combined, will work together to bring to a good termination the much discussed nursing question and the disappearance of the Sisters from the male wards, where they are unnecessary and a great hindrance to the education and advancement of the Brothers." In another place he gives as a reason for their not joining two already existing associations that "they recruit chiefly amongst Sisters (*sisters* is the

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