

SIR JAMES PAGET, the eminent Surgeon, celebrated his golden wedding day on Wednesday last, and all our readers will unite with us in most cordial good wishes to him and to Lady PAGET on the auspicious occasion

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A BANQUET will take place on June the 12th, at the Hôtel Métropole, in aid of the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children. The Duke of FIFE, K.T., will preside, and the Committee are anxious to raise a sum of £3,000 on this occasion. This Hospital is doing excellent work, the results of which cannot be too widely known. Since its foundation it has treated 323,618 women and children, of whom 13,228 were in-patients. Out of 1,541 women suffering from tumours, 1,338 recovered. More than 9,000 patients are benefitted every year. The results of ovariectomy, from the first performance of the operation down to the end of 1893, have been as follows:—

	Cases.	Recoveries.	Deaths.
To the end of 1893 ...	1,609	1,402	207
For 1891-92-93 ...	172	161	11

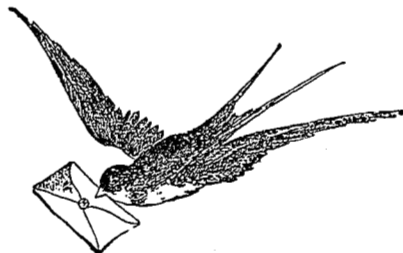
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WE have received the following letter from the Secretary of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden Square:—

“MADAM,—I am directed by my Committee to invite a reference to the paragraph relating to this Hospital on page 264 of the NURSING RECORD of 21st April, 1894, and to inform you that Miss Agnes Owen “resigned after about a week” is incorrect. Miss Owen was elected Matron of this Hospital, but for private reasons never took up the appointment.—Yours faithfully,
W. HOLT, *Secretary.*”

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We confess ourselves unconvinced by this letter that our statement, which was made, we find, on good authority, was “incorrect.” Miss AGNES OWEN, of King’s College Hospital, applied for the vacant post of Sister-in-Charge of this Hospital, vacant by the resignation of Miss MACKAY, was duly elected by the Committee, and certainly inspected the Institution, and inquired into the duties of her post. We were told that “she resigned about a week after being elected.” If the Secretary will have the great kindness to inform us of the *exact* number of days, hours, and minutes which elapsed after her official appointment and acceptance of the post before Miss OWEN tendered her resignation to the Committee, it will afford us the greatest pleasure to convey that momentous information to our readers all over the world. Until we receive that precise and official information we must remain in painful uncertainty how far, if at all, we have been “incorrect.” Because we gather that it is not disputed that Miss OWEN *was* elected, and that after a certain number of days she *did* resign.



Our Foreign Letter.

GERMAN NURSES.

II.—SCHOOLS OF NURSING CONNECTED WITH DEACONESSSES’ WORK.

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KAISERSWERTH on the Rhine is the cradle of German Deaconesses’ work. All Deaconess institutions are, more or less, organized on its principles. In almost every quarter of the globe there are nursing stations, infant schools, hospitals, or rescue homes that look to Kaiserswerth as their “Mother House.” (In a paper I had the pleasure of contributing to the NURSING RECORD in 1893 (April 27), viz.: A Forest Hospital in Hungary—I have described a visit to a colony of these sisters, whose crest, “the white dove,” distinguishes them from numerous similar orders.)

In almost every case, a “School for Deaconesses” is connected with the institution—and none surpass in excellence the organization of that of Kaiserswerth.

First, not least, the situation is charming: undulating pastures, beautiful forests surround three picturesque houses, lying in well-kept gardens, cut off from the world of bustle. These are “Salem,” the Sister’s House of Rest and Recreation; then the old-original “Salem,” a queer little gable-house, that has been built out to contain a vast hall, used for social gatherings, on the occasions when troops of sister-exursionists gather to the “Mother House”; the third house is the “Deaconesses’ School.” Pupils for the latter can be entered at the age of 14, to be prepared by four years careful preliminary training, for a future profession of nursing.

This training comprehends all that may conduce to render them unaffectedly religious, cheerful, useful, and fearless. (I must here mention that a current supposition to the effect that German Deaconesses are morbidly ascetic, results from ignorance of their tendencies.) The girls are well looked after mentally, morally, and physically; they are constantly occupied with a variety of duties and occasional recreations, and they are taught to consider their future profession with reverence and whole-heartedness. Pupils are under the special guidance of a “House-keeping Sister,” and a “Teaching Sister.” The first takes them in hand during the forenoon, and sets them to

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