

to be an official Reception at the Hotel de Ville on the afternoon of the 19th; a reception by Mons. Mesureur at the New Nursing College, in the grounds of the great Salpêtrière Hospital; a reception by Mme. Alphen Salvador, at her Nursing School in the Rue Amyot; one given by Mlle. Chaptal at the Rue Vercingetorix, where nurse pupils are housed in a lovely old convent. Mme. Alphen Salvador is arranging for an afternoon at Versailles; and the Baroness James de Rothschild has also most kindly offered delightful hospitality—a visit to the Chateau of Chantilly, the royal residence, full of the most magnificent works of art, and left, as we all know, by the late Duc d'Aumale to the nation. Then Mrs. Kelly thinks a trip up the Seine one summer's evening, and dinner on its banks, would be very pleasing, the great week to end up with a Banquet on the Saturday evening, when no doubt many reluctant farewells and hopeful *au revoirs* will be spoken.

Of all we saw and did in our visit to Paris I must tell you later. I am now the guest of Miss Elston, the Directrice of the Hospital du Tondu, at Bordeaux, where the nursing movement is quite as lively as at Paris, and I am entirely distracted by the most exquisite bouquet of flowers—lilac, roses, carnations, hyacinths, mimosa, white stocks, and other exquisites all tied up with blue satin bows—which was presented to me this morning. "With the best compliments of the Editorial Staff of *La Garde Malade Hospitalière*," the nursing paper which has been so ably projected by several Directrices of French hospitals, and which owes its inception to Dr. Anna Hamilton, the Hon. Vice-President of the International Council of Nurses in France.

A delightful time is arranged for me here, where I am to see many interesting institutions—and people—so more anon.

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In order to be able to grant one day's rest a week to the staff of the Assistance Publique, Paris, M. Mesureur has asked the Municipal Council to give him 730 new members of the staff. The average annual salary of a nursing member of the Assistance is 600 francs, and that of a member of the servant staff 530 francs, and it is calculated that the total cost of one day's rest per week for the Assistance Publique will be this year about 600,000 francs.

"Nursing in Rural Districts, and the Operation of the Midwives' Act," was the title of a paper presented by Mrs. Charles Hobhouse at the Central Poor Law Conference at the Guildhall last week.

## The Mont Cenis Tragedy.

It is good news that Miss Fruzennah Lowe, the nurse who was attacked in so dastardly a manner in the Mont Cenis Tunnel, has now, thanks to the good care she has received at the Chambéry Hospital, recovered sufficiently to undertake the journey home. She broke her journey at Paris, staying with friends there for a few days. Miss Lowe is now in London, and, we are glad to hear, is making good progress towards recovery.

## The Central Hospital Council.

The only work in connection with which the Central Hospital Council for London has come before the public, and, so far as we know, the only work it has undertaken, is its campaign in opposition to the State Registration of Trained Nurses, inspired by Sir Henry Burdett and the Hon. Sydney Holland, the expense of which has, we understand, been considerable.

Whose money is to defray the cost of the anti-registration campaign of the Central Hospital Council? The annual expenses of the Council are provided for in its constitution by means of equal contributions from the constituent hospitals. Are the men who are opposing registration going to pay the expenses themselves, as the nurses are doing of their justifiable fight for legal status, or is charitable money going to be voted by House Committees for this purpose? We unhesitatingly say that every penny of charitable money thus expended is a misapplication of hospital funds, and it is to be hoped that Committees will refuse to pay for the political campaign of Sir Henry Burdett and Mr. Sydney Holland against the nurses. As these two gentlemen are the chief opponents of State Registration for Nurses, let them defray the cost of their opposition.

If such a decision were arrived at by the constituent hospitals of the Central Hospital Council we feel sure that protests and petitions on costly paper, and widespread propaganda would soon cease. Who, by the bye, is paying for the Bill to be introduced into Parliament by this same Council, and its attendant legal expenses? We presume the constituent hospitals will be expected to do so. In such case this misapplication of money given by the generous public for the benefit of the sick poor must be put a stop to. Why not a question in Parliament?

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