

stitutions, many of them self-supporting. Thus at Bordeaux the Maison de Santé is a private hospital, established in 1863 in a house in the Rue Cassagnol, and its pioneer work has been largely individual.

Why not realise the fact that the Directrice is the chief factor in the successful management of a hospital, with a Nurse Training School attached? It is a fact, and one quite

useless to deny. Thus the genius of Dr. Hamilton is at once apparent. First, the charming personality of the woman, and the womanliness of the personality. There you have the mother influence so indispensable in dealing with and training human creatures; scientific education has given poise, added to which the power of organisation has made possible the systematic growth of well ordered work.

The office at the Maison de Santé presents an example of the order and precision which permeates the whole hospital. Here I found Dr. Hamilton, dressed in the neatest of white linen coats, reaching to the hem of her skirt, and around her the insignia of official routine, amongst them a fine *armoire*, containing, no doubt, official papers and records, whilst most neatly recorded in black and red, were charts of the various classes of probationers, and their subsequent careers.

Nursing, as an important part in the treatment of the sick, was apparent throughout the institution, especially in the wards, and as we visited the various departments I was at once struck with the sincere nursing tone throughout. Besides the children's, the medical and surgical wards, across the shady garden there was a compact little maternity block, a good dispensary and pharmacy, operation and steri-

lisation rooms, and the administration department contained linenry, kitchens, and bureau.

The wards were very bright and comfortable, and I saw in use a serviceable bed couch on wheels, on which a patient could be carefully placed whilst his bed was being made—for many cases a far safer remove than into a chair. The French nation worships its *lingerie*, and bestows upon it lavish and loving care. Invariably one finds it "housed" quite imperially, and there was no exception to this



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custom at the Maison de Santé—the linen cupboards were a picture.

The Nursing School attached to this hospital, which is its distinctive feature, is organised as it should be on educational lines. The curriculum is very complete, and the *Salle des Cours* supplied with the most complete set of anatomical models I have seen, and the pupil nurses receive thorough theoretical instruction

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