

part with precision. French nurses have a fine example of exact work in the methods of the surgeons. To wait on the great urologist, Dr. Pousson, during his clinical visit, to satisfy the leading otologist, Dr. Moure, during an operation in the theatre, must be a liberal education. Watching these experts one realised at once that exactness was their ideal of perfection. During my visit I occupied a charming bedroom which a very kind nurse had vacated for my comfort, it was prettily furnished, and always full of lovely flowers. The nurses'

Miss Elston presides at the nurses' meals, and I found their diet much more liberal and varied than in England—though no doubt it costs less. The *déjeuner* at midday and dinner at seven were invariably served with four or five courses, and *vin ordinaire* was provided. That all important function digestion received due and wise consideration, as never less than forty minutes were spent at table, and lively conversation was encouraged. The hours on duty compare favourably with our own, these are from 7.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., with



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sleeping apartments were unusually large and airy, and their salon most comfortable. Here one evening came several friends, quite a little *soirée*; amongst the guests were Dr. Lande and Dr. Anna Hamilton, both deeply interested in the success of the School, and we chatted much about the progress of nursing in France and of the coming Conference in Paris, where we are so soon to meet all these earnest workers. Of course Madame l'Econome gave us dainty refreshments.

three-quarters of an hour for *déjeuner*, a quarter of an hour for lunch, one hour for dinner, and two hours for rest and recreation, so that there are eight hours only of active service.

Of great Saint André, Pellegrin, the wonderful Château Picon—an asylum for the insane, containing 1,000 beds—and of the Tastet-Girard—a perfect little gem of a hospital—all visited during my happy visit to the Tondou, I must write some other day. E. G. F.

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