

practical, not only theoretical, as is often the case in France. The cheftaines are appointed by the hospitals administration, on the recommendation of the Directrice. They are assisted by certificated nurses in the general supervision of the wards, both as to the nursing of the sick and the diet prescribed by the doctors. They also prepare the items for the daily report, and for the statistical report of the patients in the wards. They make inventories of the personal possessions of the patients admitted, and deliver over to the cheftaines everything of value found in their possession; they go with the patients to the Bureau when they are discharged, and see that their possessions are returned to them; they take part in the practical instruction of the pupils; do duty for the cheftaines in their absence, and are themselves replaced, in case of need, by pupils in their second year of training.

The nursing school admits both resident and non-resident pupils, the number of vacancies being determined each year by the hospitals administrative committee. The pupils sign an agreement to remain for two years in the service of the Bordeaux hospitals at the conclusion of their training or to pay 1,000 francs in return for their free education in nursing, and their diplomas are only presented to them when they have fulfilled one or the other of these obligations. The hospitals administration has the right of awarding scholarships to thoroughly eligible pupils.

Non-resident pupils are not admitted unless they live with their parents, or with a guardian approved by the administration. They work under the same rules as the resident pupils.

In addition to the practical instruction given by the Directrice, the pupils have the advantage of attending courses of lectures by so eminent a medical man as Dr. Lande, who is not only in the front rank of his profession, but takes the keenest interest in nursing education. Dr. Lande gives 40 lectures on elementary anatomy and physiology to first-year pupils, and 40 on elementary medicine and surgery to second-year pupils. It is with great pleasure that we reproduce a portrait of this distinguished physician in the act of lecturing to a class of nurses. The modern nursing movement in France owes much to his influential support, and nurses owe him a warm debt of gratitude.



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Presentations.

On Tuesday evening, February 8th, Miss Barling, the much esteemed Matron of the Kidderminster Infirmary, gave an "At Home" to past and present nurses, on relinquishing her duties after 17 years' service. During the evening, Mr. Stretton, the senior honorary surgeon to the hospital, presented Miss Barling with a beautiful piano, on behalf of past and present Sisters, nurses, and house surgeons. Miss Barling, in accepting, and expressing her cordial thanks for the gift, urged all the nurses present to strive for the highest in the work they had chosen.

Nurses from all parts of England were present, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in games, and in listening to the glorious voice of Miss Sara Silver and other vocalists. It ended all too soon with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" in the orthodox manner.

On Friday in last week there must have been a most interesting interview between the Matron of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and one of its veteran workers, when privately, on behalf of many subscribers, Miss Stewart presented Miss F. Sleight (Sister President) with an oxidised silver purse, bearing the Bart's coat of arms, containing £42.

In President Ward the patients were always contented, the nursing well done, and the surgeons satisfied, for Sister possessed the true nursing instinct, as well as the home making art, and in the control of her little kingdom blended gentleness and firmness in just the right proportions. Nurses were proud to belong to President. Did anyone

want to learn how to pad splints so that they might afford a proof of her efficiency in this respect in her final examination, she prayed to be sent to President, for there, under Sister's instructions, and with practical demonstrations, from her clever fingers, the art of splint padding reached perfection. Withal the atmosphere of the ward was a happy one, and the nursing tone high. It is difficult to realise that so many years have been spent by Sister President in strenuous work in a great Metropolitan Hospital, for she seems to have learnt the secret of perpetual youth, and to have changed but little during the long period spent in the hospital's service. She has well earned the comparative leisure which she will now enjoy.

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