

We are glad to learn that the request by the Senior Physician that the Sister of one of his wards should postpone her resignation for a time, has been courteously and firmly refused. This lady, whose devoted services to the patient, and as a teacher of nursing have been invaluable, will be a very great loss to the hospital. Such personalities — strong and sweet—are rare.

Liverpool is to have its own permanent memorial of Miss Florence Nightingale. It is proposed to enlarge and develop the work of the Liverpool District Nursing Association. The Association was formed with Miss Nightingale's advice and help, and was always an object in which she took the deepest interest. Many medical men and nurses in uniform attended the special service held in St. Peter's, Liverpool, in memory of the great founder of professional nursing on August 20th.

The Nurses' Missionary League is this week in camp at Mundesley-on-Sea, Norfolk. The party is housed as usual at Briarcliffe. The purpose of this meeting of nurses is two-fold, (1) To provide a holiday which will also be an opportunity of help and inspiration in the Christian life, and (2) to consider the work of the Nurses' Missionary League.

The Barnsley Nursing Association, which is associated with the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, held a successful garden party and sale of work last week at the beautiful grounds attached to Dodworth Hall, Dodworth, through the kindness of the Rev. T. T. Taylor and Mrs. Taylor. Two nurses have during the past year been at work in Barnsley, and visited about 2,000 persons. The expenditure amounts to £200, and there is £45 short, which it is hoped will be realised.

The Council of the Edinburgh, Leith, and District Friendly Societies have received the following letter from the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll:—"I desire to thank the members of Edinburgh, Leith, and District Friendly Societies for their kind offer to make the Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Institute for providing trained nurses for the sick poor in their own homes, the object of their collection this year, and wish it most sincerely every success."

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, recently a guest of the Earl of Wemyss at Gosford House, N.B., paid a surprise visit on Saturday last with Lady Wemyss to the beautiful Muirfield House Convalescent Home at Gullane, which is an invaluable branch of the

Royal Hospital for Sick Children at Edinburgh. The Duchess, who was received by the Sister-in-charge, Miss Hurlston, seemed charmed with the arrangements of the institution, watched the children have their tea and demolish their cookies with relish. She accepted a rose from a pretty little Jewess, Zena by name, and wrote her name in the visitors' book. Lady Wemyss takes a very kind personal interest in the children, who suffer many things with such wonderful patience and even gaiety of heart. What a blessing it would be if we could kidnap every child from unwholesome environment and give them all their rightful share of fresh air, good food; and happiness!

For some time past the nursing at the hospital at Lorient, one of the great French seaports in France, has been in a very unsatisfactory condition; the religious Sisters have been replaced by lay attendants, who, it is asserted by the *Catholic Times*, drank the wine provided for the patients and diluted that given to the sick with water; the patients' clothes were also stolen, and the nursing arrangements became such a scandal that the Government was forced to act, and M. Imbert, Inspector-General of the Ministry of the Interior, has held an enquiry. The result is that the Minister of Justice will institute a prosecution against the accountant, who will be charged in the Assize Court with falsification of his accounts; and the resignation of the entire Board of Administration, which is said to have shown the most culpable negligence in the control of the accounts and in the general management of the hospitals under its charge, is to be accepted.

Readers of this journal will learn with pleasure that in its troubles the Lorient Hospital looked to Bordeaux, where Dr. Anna Hamilton has initiated the modern system of nursing in connection with the Protestants Hospital, and encouraged educated girls to nurse the sick, who in their turn have gone out into the world as pioneers and instituted nursing reforms in other hospitals. It was in this hospital that Miss Elston first worked as Sister, and from which she was later appointed Directrice at Tondu Civil Hospital, Bordeaux, where her splendid work has gained recognition both from the Municipality and the State.

Miss Elston has now obtained some months leave of absence from the Tondu Hospital, and is going to Lorient to organise the nursing on a proper basis. Her colleagues in this country will wish her every success in this splendid piece of pioneer work for the sick.

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