

sumptive children, but that he did not think there were more than six in England. He pointed out that from an economic point of view it was much cheaper and easier to eradicate this terrible disease in its early stages in childhood than at a later period.

After the meeting in the tent a brief dedicatory service was held in the hall of the Home by the Bishop, and afterwards an excellent tea was served to the general public in the charming dining-room. An inspection of the Home was then invited. There are four wards, with accommodation for 17 children, ten of whom were in residence on the opening day. Their faces, flushed with excitement, gave the deceptive appearance of health; only one boy seemed too weary to notice anything around him. The balconies for sleeping in the open air, and the wide windows, commanding an extensive view of lovely country, and the open-air shelter, contribute to make an ideal home for the little sufferers.

A pleasing feature is a large rocking-horse fully equipped, and with a basket seat behind, which greets everyone on entering, and the numerous toys for the delight of the children. The Lady Superintendent is Miss Synge, who has had much experience of work in sanatoria, and she is assisted by a willing staff. Her courtesy and kindness, as well as that of her helpers, were much appreciated by the visitors on the opening day. Dr. Frere and Dr. Slade, of Fleet, constitute the visiting medical staff, so the children will be in good hands. It is gratifying to record that the collection at the inaugural ceremony amounted to over £70, with further promises of support, so that the sanatorium begins its useful career free from debt, and has every promise of a bright and happy future before it.

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A LOSS TO NURSING IN FRANCE.

The sad news of the death of Dr. Lande will be received with sorrow by all interested in trained nursing. Dr. Lande, Professor of Forensic Medicine at the Bordeaux University, died in Paris on April 23rd.

In the autumn of 1911 he was elected by the whole of France, almost unanimously, President of the General Association composed of 10,300 members of the medical profession. The annual meeting of this Association took place in Paris on April 21st. Doctor Lande, presiding, gave the inaugural address in a clear, firm voice, holding with his remarkable individuality that vast assembly as under a charm. The discussion of the secretary was about to take place, when

suddenly the President seemed overcome by the heat. Immediately those near him asked what was the matter—alas! the great philanthropist was stricken down with paralysis, and in forty-eight hours Dr. Lande died, at the age of sixty-nine years. It will interest many to glance over the principal events of his life, especially in his connection with the reform and organization of nursing in France.

Doctor Lande, born in Bordeaux in 1843, had always associated himself with everything of interest in his native town, where he took his doctor's degree.

During the Franco-Prussian War he had charge of the Red Cross Ambulance of the Gironde. At the end of the campaign he received the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

When Mayor of Bordeaux, in 1903, he founded the first nursing school on Miss Nightingale's principles in a state hospital. The school began really to thrive when transferred from the wards of St. André Hospital to the Tondu Hospital, with Miss Elston as directrice. The school under Dr. Lande's care awarded 86 certificates. Nine hospitals have matrons from his school, six military hospitals have his nurses. Following Dr. Lande's advice, two public schools in Bordeaux have had for some years the Tondu nurses in charge of the sick-room. In January, 1912, he prevailed on the Municipal Council to appoint a school nurse for the largest Board School in Bordeaux (2,000 children). The Government, in recognition of the great services he had rendered to suffering humanity all over France, raised him to the highest rank possible, that of "Commandeur de la Légion d'honneur."

He followed with great interest the nursing question in every country.

He took part in the Nursing Congresses in connection with the International Council of Nurses, at Paris and London, and hoped to go to Cologne in August.

To the names of Miss Isla Stewart, Mrs. Hampton Robb, and Mrs. Kildare Tracey, we must sorrowfully add another, that of Dr. Louis Lande.

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Dr. Lande possessed a wonderfully generous attitude of mind towards the trained nurse. He realised in his warm sympathy for the sick that it was the work of the thoroughly trained, skilled nurse which could most effectually prevent and ease suffering. At Bordeaux, Paris, and in London we had the pleasure of meeting this really wise physician, and no one will miss his charming personality at Cologne more than his many English admirers. The death of Dr. Lande is a great loss to nursing in France, and we deeply sympathise with Dr. Anna Hamilton and Miss Elston, who received from him the most loyal support and appreciation.

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