

A NURSING REFORMER IN FRANCE.

DR. LOUIS LANDE.

Since our last International Congress the Angel of Death has again and again removed from our ranks those whom we seem least able to spare. Great Britain and Ireland, the United States of America, France, and India are united in a common sorrow, by the loss of those to whom they looked, and never in vain, for leadership, counsel and guidance.

One of the most distinguished members of our Congresses in Paris and in London was Dr. Louis Lande, Professor of Forensic Medicine at the Bordeaux University, Member of the Superior Council of the *Assistance Publique* of France, Vice-President of the General Association of Medical Practitioners in France. Dr. Lande had notified his intention of attending the Congress in Cologne, and many of those who appreciated his great gifts were looking forward to meeting this distinguished medical man, who has so nobly supported the movement for the training of nurses in France on Florence Nightingale's system.

As our readers are aware, Dr. Lande, after delivering his inaugural address as President of the Medical Association in Paris, was suddenly stricken down with paralysis and shortly afterwards passed away.

Dr. Lande was a native of Bordeaux, and in the most public spirited way identified himself with the interests of the town. During the Franco-Prussian War he had charge of the Red Cross Ambulance of the Gironde, and at

the end of the campaign received the Cross of the Legion of Honour. It was in 1903, when Mayor of Bordeaux, that Dr. Lande founded the first nursing school on Miss Nightingale's principles in a State Hospital—the St. André Hospital. Later it was moved to the Tondou Hospital, where, under the direction of Miss Elston and the fostering care of Dr. Lande, 86 nurses have been trained and certificated. Nine matrons have also been supplied to other

hospitals, and six military hospitals have turned to the Tondou for nurses. By Dr. Lande's advice, two public schools in Bordeaux have appointed nurses in charge of their sick rooms, the Municipal Council has appointed a school nurse in the largest Board school, and district nursing has been initiated in Bordeaux.

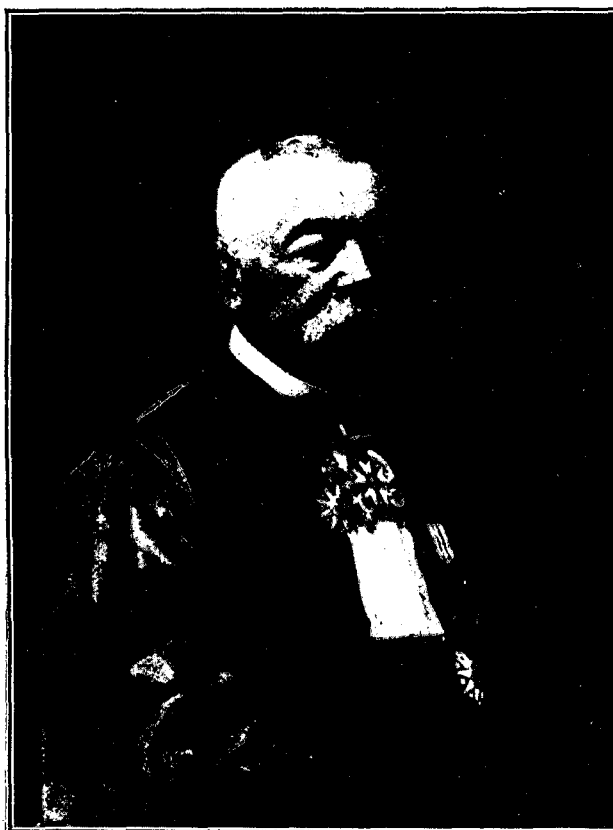
Dr. Lande was also a true friend to the Protestant Hospital, which, under Dr. Anna Hamilton's direction, demonstrated the advantages of the modern nursing system later introduced into the State hospitals, and *La Garde Malade Hospitalière* owns him as its founder.

In recognition of his great services to his country, the Government raised

him to the highest rank possible, that of Commander of the Legion of Honour.

By the kindness of Dr. Hamilton and of the *Comité d'Organisation du Congrès d'Assistance Publique and de Bienfaisance privée*, Nantes, we are able to publish this portrait.

Much sympathy is felt with the Bordeaux nurses in the irreparable loss they have sustained.



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