

deeply sympathised with the sufferings of the poor, perceived the genius, and appreciated the devotion to their needs of the heroic young medical woman. She encouraged her with friendship and financial support, and ultimately in 1903 informed her under the seal of confidence, that she had left her country estate to the hospital, so that the hospital could be established at Bagatelle after her death, and all Dr. Hamilton's aspirations for the higher education of French nurses made possible.

Mlle. Bosc did not wish her intention to be made public, as she did not wish to be thanked;

should be sold for a vineyard, and the money used in support of the existing institution.

To this course Dr. Hamilton was strongly averse. She felt it would be a betrayal of the intention of the testator, who had anticipated with secret joy for so many years the great benefit to the poor of Bordeaux which would result from her bequest. At the earnest request of Dr. Hamilton the sale of the property was postponed. The mansion was let, and Dr. Hamilton and Mlle. Mignot set to work to farm Bagatelle, and what with crops of hay, palaton, beans, corn, fruit, vegetables, fowls,



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THE NURSING STAFF AT MAISON DE SANTÉ, BORDEAUX.

her only and ardent wish was that in a new hospital, surrounded by her beautiful grounds, the sick poor of Bordeaux should enjoy her home, her fruits and flowers, and be tenderly nursed and restored to health. Mlle. Bosc died in 1914. In 1915 the French Government decided the hospital should inherit the land.

By that time, alas! France was in the throes of war, and the administrators of the hospital had no hope of obtaining the large sum of money to extend and rebuild the hospital at Bagatelle. It was suggested that the estate

eggs, rabbits and pigs, very substantial profits have been made.

VISIT TO BAGATELLE.

One beautiful autumn day we inspected the domaine of Bagatelle, which consists of 16 acres. On the property is a commodious mansion, well-furnished, a lodge and compact farmery, where pigs, rabbits, and poultry are neatly housed. There are beautiful grounds, well-cultivated gardens of fruit and flowers, a lovely meadow, and magnificent trees—

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