

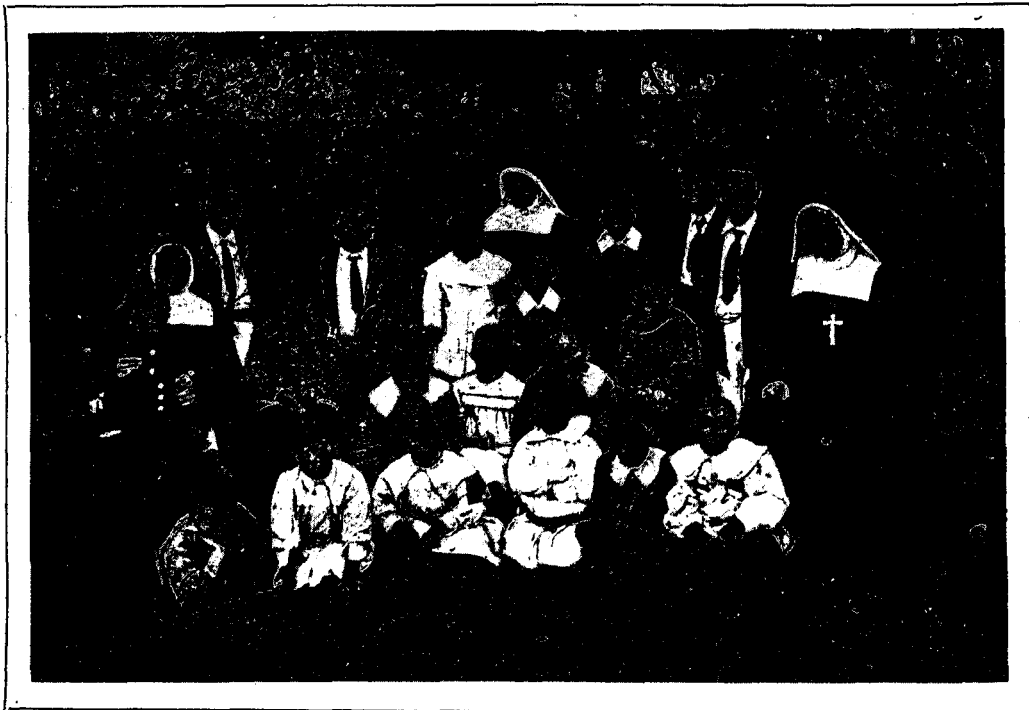
and attendance in sickness. The doctor lived at a great distance, "the village nurses were deplorably ignorant, and Mr. Dallas having resided in France and having seen the superior nursing and the many advantages resulting from the system there carried on, of the 'Sœurs de la Charité,' devised a plan for the same system to be adopted in England.

"He appears to have impressed his views upon one who was in his day a great physician as well as philanthropist and philosopher, namely, Dr. Gooch. Like Dallas, Gooch had visited Belgium, and like Howard, the prison reformer, had been most interested in the Beguines and their works of mercy, their well-ordered hospitals, and their general efficiency in visiting and prescribing

nouncing it said that "any little objection the Archbishop had felt was now removed." This apparently refers to the change of title from "Sisters of Charity" to "Nursing Sisters."

The interesting and unique foundation of St. John's House—now in Queen Square, Bloomsbury—is described at some length. It was to her friend, Miss Mary Jones, Lady Superior of St. John's House, that Miss Florence Nightingale turned—and not in vain—when the Crimean War broke out.

The book abounds in most interesting and beautiful illustrations of the homes of religious foundations and also portraits of their pious founders. To mention only a few. There is the Community of the Holy Rood, at North Ormesby,



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for the sick poor. He published an account of his visit and experiences with the conclusions he had formed, directed to the advantage of a like system in England in *Blackwood's Magazine*, in December, 1825.

This was followed by a pamphlet by Mr. Dallas on "Protestant Sisters of Charity," "developing a plan for improving the arrangements at present existing for administering medical advice and visiting the sick poor." This resulted in much interesting correspondence with Mrs. Elizabeth Fry, who took up the plan advocated by Mr. Dallas to a large extent, and carried it out in the nursing establishment at Raven Row, White-chapel, and afterwards in Devonshire Square. The Queen Dowager, through Earl Howe, lent her patronage to the scheme, and in the letter an-

where the good work done in the hospital which it nurses, is well known to our readers; St. Mary's, Wantage; All Saints', Colney; St. Margaret's, East Grinstead; and many more. By the kindness of the publishers, we are able to reproduce pictures of Miss E. A. Bennett, Mother-Foundress of the Society of the Sisters of Bethany, of the House of Retreat, Lloyd Square, E.C.; Mother Cecile, who founded the Community of the Resurrection, Grahamstown, South Africa; and a group of Sisters of the Society of the Incarnation of the Eternal Son, Saltley, founded by Mother Gertrude Clare, and some of the Poor Law boys in their charge. We most cordially recommend the book to the notice of our readers. To those who are interested in the work of Religious communities it will provide a fascinating study.

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