

**Nursing Abroad.**

BY JOHN WILKIE, M.D.

ROTTERDAM new Hospital is a splendid Institution. Two departments are especially impressive: the baths with fancy floors, elegantly curtained in, and massive marble pillars in the hall; and the ventilation department, where air is drawn in from the street, washed with dropping water, and then warmed in large hot chambers. The Engineer of the Institution, who was acting as Mentor, when he had done, gave up the keys to an old Dutch Sister. She wore no uniform, only a grey plush dress which would become a quaker. There were two young lady Probationers in the Ward, combining study with Nursing. They were conning a physiology manual, glancing from time to time through the window into the busy street with its many canals, and then anon rising to attend some patient in a moment of restlessness.

In the Town Hospital, at the Hague, everything was seen to the best advantage. There are many

Men Nurses as well as Women Nurses. The former work chiefly on the male side. In a wing, to the rear of the Institution, there is a row of cubicles for their accommodation at night, while a sitting room is provided for them to take their meals in, and rest, when off duty, during the day. The chief of them is a German Nurse, trained in Stettin. These Men Nurses are met with in all the Hospitals of Holland. There were others, wearing blue and white striped blouses, in the Borough Hospital, Amsterdam, dressing patients in the out-patient room or ambulatorium.

In South Germany, where the population is Roman Catholic by confession, the Nurses in the Hospitals are usually Sisters of Mercy, often of the order of St. Vincent de Paul. Strassburg Hospital is nursed by women belonging to this order. They wear the white cap of the Nun, and blue stuff gowns, while the bunch of keys with crucifix, and perhaps beads, depends from their waist. Strassburg is an interesting town from its important military situation. It is half French and half German. The Hospital, too, was managed on French lines until 1870, since when German

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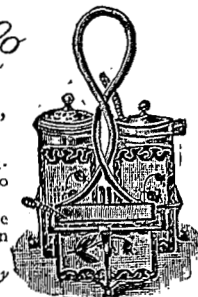


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