

The French nurse (*infirmière*) is not in the same class as the American hospital nurse, and her work is not of equal value. The American nurse often belongs to a good family, and her general education is superior to that which falls to the lot of the French nurse. France cannot begin to compare with America in this respect, and Dr. Faure candidly admits that, while everywhere in American hospitals one sees well-educated young ladies acting as hospital nurses, a similar class of women is unknown in France. He describes how the trained nurse in America makes out clinical reports for each patient, noting such particulars as the temperature, pulse, excretions, sleep, nourishment, medicines, accidents, etc., details which in the French hospitals are noted by the externs, and not so scrupulously or carefully as in American hospitals.

With regard to the method of selecting surgeons for hospital positions, he thinks that the French method (*concours*) cannot be surpassed. In America, social influence and political wire-pulling are the mainsprings of success in many hospital appointments, and the instability of rival political parties sometimes occasions the premature disappearance of very able men.

Dr. Faure was favorably impressed with the surgical work done at a hospital in Rochester, a small town in Minnesota, by two brothers named Mayo. This hospital has accommodation for over a hundred patients, and has two small operating rooms. Patients go there from Canada and all parts of the United States. Each person's disease is diagnosed by one of a corps of eleven specialists, and if the case be suitable for a surgical operation, it is attended to by the brothers. Every morning, Sundays excepted, they do on an average about ten operations (three thousand per annum). On the day Dr. Faure was present at Rochester, he saw an operation for uterine polypus, an enucleation of tubercular glands of the neck, two prostatectomies, an abdominal hysterectomy for fibroma, a gastro-duodenostomy for pyloric stenosis, a gastro-enterostomy for cancer, a cholecystotomy, and a cholecystectomy for lithiasis of the gall-bladder.

American hospitality comes in for a good word: "They opened their operating rooms to me and welcomed me to their hearths."

Speaking of the relative merits of the surgeons of both coun-