

*The Sectarian Question.*

YOUR readers will be glad to learn that Miss McDonnell, who had resigned the Matronship of the Clare Infirmary, has been re-instated, the stipulation which she had insisted on having been granted—viz., that the Probationer, whose election had been cancelled, should be re-elected. I feel sure that the Guardians will not regret their action.

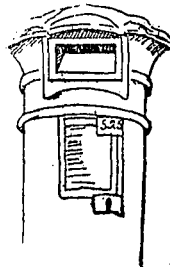
*The Louth Infirmary.*

MISS LOUISA MACNESS has been appointed Matron of the Louth Infirmary. Miss MacNess was trained at the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin, and is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Her genial and kindly manner made her a general favourite with the Staff and her patients, and everyone will wish her success in her new sphere of work.

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR,**

(Notes, Queries, &amp;c.)

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not in ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

*We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.*

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

Sir,—I must thank you sincerely for the able Editorial of the 1st inst. It has been widely read in Glasgow, and the Nurses feel that they have got a true and fearless friend in your paper. You will see from Mr. W. McEwen's letter the type of Manager with which the Nurses and Medical Staff have to deal; but the complaints of the Nurses have now been formulated and placed before the Committee by responsible persons, and I am glad to say that a *public inquiry* is likely to be the result—nothing less will satisfy the community.—I am, &c.,  
A GLASGOW NURSE.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

Sir,—Thank you much for keeping us *au fait* with Nursing politics. The majority of us Nurses, I know, require educating up to the modern standard; but I am in Private Nursing work, and often feel very rusty, and find it difficult

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## THE CAUSES OF DECAY OF THE TEETH.

"In the Dental Section, a Lecture was given by MR. HY. SEWILL, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., who said: "Decay is a process of disintegration commencing invariably at the surface of the tooth, and due entirely to external agents. *Acids and Micro-organisms are the active agents.*" Fermentation being due to the action of micro-organisms, bacteria "must be considered a prime factor in the Causation of Caries."

DR. ANDREW WILSON, F.R.S.E., in "Health," August 7th, 1891, says:—

"Decay was found to commence most readily in flaws or fissures, and the conclusions drawn from the experiments are, that caries is entirely due to external agents (that is, acids generated from the food particles and germs preying on the weakened teeth.)"

In this connection, it might be well to quote from a Pamphlet issued by the SALVINE CO., about two years ago, entitled, "HOW TO PRESERVE THE TEETH."—Entered at Stationers' Hall.

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