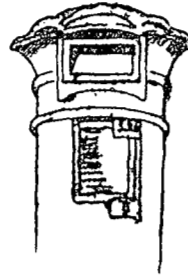


this matter, but we do not intend that, at this present juncture, it shall be forgotten.

Our columns are open to Signor MICHELLI or any of his friends if they desire to make any further remarks, for we shall be glad to be afforded an opportunity of making public some of the curious facts which we have been patiently accumulating for four years concerning the Hospitals' Association and its chief officials. We do not withdraw one word which we have said on this matter, and we have said sufficient to prove that the "material errors and misstatement of facts" are all upon Signor MICHELLI's side.



Letters to the Editor.

(Notes, Queries, &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.

THE EIGHT HOURS' NURSING DAY.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

DEAR SIR,—Your correspondent "Hospital Matron" singularly misunderstands the drift of my observations with respect to an eight hours' ward day for Nurses. The question does not rest with Hospital Matrons at all, for they cannot alter existing circumstances, nor do impossibilities any more than other women, including "that visionary and quite impossible of fulfilment" feat of getting a quart of water into a pint jug! A shortening of working hours will necessitate an augmentation of the Nursing staff, and give employment to more Nurses. It is easy to understand that long hours are detrimental to the health and efficiency of Nurses, and a reform in that direction will have a front place in the future of Nursing.

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