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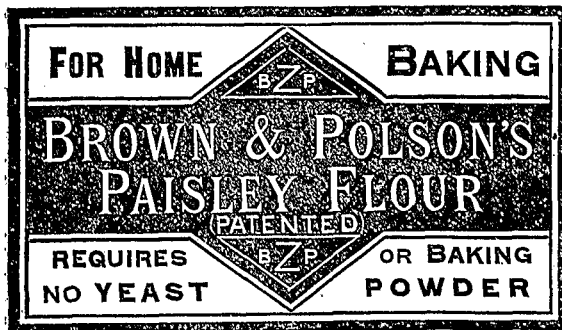
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Editorial.

NURSES' INTERESTS.—II.

IN continuation of our recent remarks upon the relations between the Nurse Training Schools, the Nursing Profession, and the Nurses, we would now point out some of the evils which follow from the unjust system of sweating Nurses which still prevails at several large Institutions. We have shown that the system of sending out semi-trained probationers as "thoroughly trained Nurses," charging the public for them at ordinary rates, and paying the worker only a very small proportion of her actual earnings, is naturally most unjust to the individual. But with regard to the effects upon the Nursing profession, the evils of the system are even more apparent. Because it is not the individual alone who suffers, but especially those of the profession who have become thoroughly trained. They find themselves placed in open competition with women bearing the same title as themselves, bearing it, perhaps, with the guarantee of some great charitable Institution, although they have not acquired by practice or length of experience the right to the title in its modern acceptation. The well-trained Nurse not only finds herself in competition with half-trained workers, but she actually discovers that she is also underbidden in the competition. For the Institution, supported by the charitable, can afford to deceive the public, and, if necessary, to charge them for semi-trained workers a smaller fee than the thoroughly trained can fairly demand. This is no theory; it is based on actual facts. One of the largest Institutions in the country sends out Probationers from its wards as thoroughly trained private Nurses, and charges for them only one and a half guineas a week, instead of the two guineas



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