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THE REGISTRATION OF NURSES.—XIII.

NE more example of absolute misconstruction, and others of deliberate misstatements, and our historical retrospect is concluded. In the Hospital of May 2nd, 1891, there appeared the following article. It is only necessary to explain that in the figures for "1889," Mr. BURDETT very characteristically placed all the subscriptions received from Dec. 7th, 1887 to June 30th, 1889, that is to say, practically, in two financial years, while the figures for "1890" were the receipts of one twelvemonth. The comparison, therefore, was, as Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT must have known, absolutely useless except to be misleading. And, as a matter of fact, the statement that the members had decreased at all was at once declared by the Hon. Secretary to be perfectly untrue; but it is an excellent example of many similiar attacks which the paper and its Editor have made upon the Association. The article reads as follows:—

"Figures for Nurses to note and remember.—The nursing controversy has come to a head. We publish elsewhere an important letter from the Nurses' Training School authorities and also Miss Nightingale's opinion. As the treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital showed in our columns last week, the present unfortunate state of disagreement has been

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