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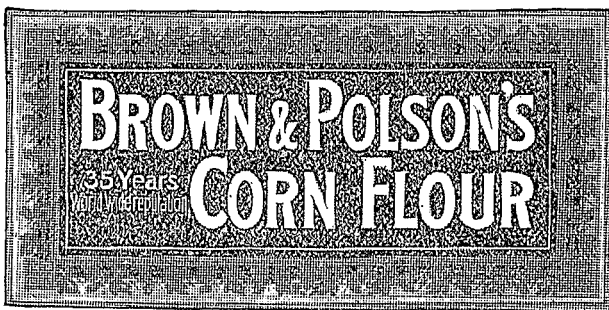
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Editorial.

MATRONS IN COUNCIL.

IT will now be well to summarise the opinions expressed by our valued correspondents upon the second question concerning the training of a Nurse, which has, during the past few weeks, been so ably discussed in these columns. It will, doubtless, be remembered that the question as to all Probationers paying for their training, evoked a certain amount of difference of opinion, although the majority appeared to be in favour of such a system; and in support of our expressed judgment on the subject, we may call attention to the significant fact that yet another important Training School has decided henceforth to make all its pupils pay for the teaching they receive.

But there has been practical unanimity amongst those who have favoured us with their opinions as to the advisability of a preliminary examination which all who desire to become Probationers should be compelled to pass. Looking back at the history of the medical profession no one can fail to be struck with the fact that it was after, and only after, success at a preliminary examination became necessary before a would-be medical student could commence his Hospital training, that the class of workers in that profession commenced to rise to the high level to which it has now attained. It cannot be doubted that, in like manner, the greatest benefit would accrue to the whole Nursing profession in the elevation of the average standard of intelligence and mental acquirements of its members, if the portals of the calling were, to some extent at least, closed against those who had not received a good general education. At any rate, so far as we can ascertain, there



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