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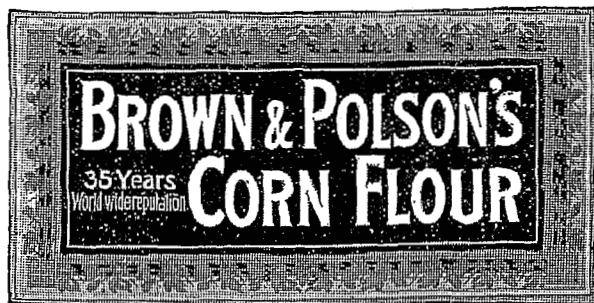
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IN many ways, the influential and representative Meeting of Matrons of British Hospitals, which took place on the 1st instant at the Medical Society's Rooms, in London, must be held to have been of the highest importance and interest. It represented the first of the projected series of Conferences which the Matrons' Council propose to hold for the free and public discussion of matters affecting the profession of Nursing; and the Resolution which was unanimously passed at the termination of the discussion upon the excellent and instructive paper read by Mrs. STRONG, of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, is only the first, perhaps, of many equally important future decisions. Those who have taken the most prominent part in the Registration scheme of the Royal British Nurses' Association have, from the first, recognised and publicly stated in the most emphatic manner, that it was only, and entirely, of a tentative character. It was necessary to make a beginning somewhere. It was necessary to give those who did not understand what the Registration of Nurses meant, or what it could do, full, accurate, and printed, information upon the matter. It was necessary to begin at the beginning; to form a ground-work where before there was chaos; to lay the foundations for a building upon which hereafter might be erected a complete and homogeneous structure; and so, just as in the case of the Medical Profession the commencement of Registration was made by private effort, and at private expense, the Royal British Nurses' Association commenced its tentative work.

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