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## Editorial.

### A RELIGIOUS TEST.

THE *Catholic Herald* has been making enquiries at the principal London Hospitals (1) as to whether "Catholic" Nurses are eligible for employment; (2) whether they are required to attend Protestant services; (3) whether opportunity is given them on Sundays, and Catholic Holy days of obligation, to attend Mass in a Catholic place of worship. The replies received must be gratifying to our contemporary, as in every case, with the exception of King's College Hospital, which has not answered the letter, the reply to the first question has been in the affirmative. We gather also that in no case are Roman Catholic nurses required to attend Protestant services, as worshippers, though in one, or more, institutions they are rightly, if on duty, not allowed to withdraw from their wards because a Protestant service is proceeding. Lastly in many institutions facilities are afforded to Roman Catholic nurses to attend Mass on Sundays and on days of obligation. Our contemporary can therefore have no possible cause for complaint, unless it be in the case of King's College Hospital. This is as it should be, because Hospitals are essentially unsectarian institutions, supported by charitable persons of all schools of thought, and the only test which should be imposed upon a probationer is whether or no she possesses qualifications which will enable her, with training, to make a good nurse. If she does, then whether she be

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