

Jew, Mohamedan, or Christian, she should be selected. If she does not possess such qualifications, then, if she has all the virtues of all the saints in the calendar she should be rejected.

We are glad to observe that Mr. Christie, the Secretary of the London Fever Hospital, Liverpool Road, in answering the questions of the *Catholic Herald*, writes "I have assumed that by "Catholic," you refer to "Roman Catholic" nurses. If I am in error in this then I may say that the same rules apply to Anglican Catholics, as well as to nurses of any denomination." The Roman Branch of the Catholic Church is too apt to claim for itself the exclusive right to the term Catholic, and other Catholics are equally apt, by their silence, to acquiesce in this assumption. But the Greek, and the English Churches, equally with the Roman, hold their Orders in direct succession from the Apostles, and the fact that these several branches are no longer one and undivided, is a constant witness to "our unhappy divisions." The Roman Church by assuming that it alone is Catholic, and that unity is only to be attained by submission to the Roman Obedience, instead of by purging all branches of the Church of accretions since the division of the east and the west, is doing much to prevent the Re-union of Christendom to which the minds of so many Christians are turning at the present time. We are glad, therefore, that Mr. Christie draws the attention of our contemporary to the fact that Anglicans equally with Romans, lay claim to the name of Catholic.

Another point to which we should like to draw the attention of Roman Catholics, is the necessity for arranging services at such hours as make it possible for Roman Catholic nurses to attend them. An Anglican nurse knows that, for the most part, if she wishes to go to a celebration on a Sunday or Holy Day, she must do so before the hour when she is due on duty. When there are patients to be washed, beds to be made, and all the early morning work to be performed, she cannot be running about to church to the neglect of the sick in her charge. The Anglican clergy for the most part recognize this, and arrange services at hours when nurses can attend them. It remains for the Roman Church to do the same. It is obviously unfair to complain that a nurse is not allowed to go to Mass, if Mass is only said at a time when it is impossible for her to attend it without neglecting her duty.

Annotations.

THE HAPSBURG WAIF.

A STORY recently told at Bow Street by a nameless woman, who asserted that a child had been left on her hands by a member of the House of Hapsburg, excited much interest, and some sympathy, several persons having written to the magistrate to offer to adopt the child, an offer which, however, the applicant refused.

The *Daily Mail*, curious as to the identity of the nameless woman has been making investigations, and has discovered that she is no other than Miss Margaret Canning, who formerly kept a nursing co-operation, and private nursing home at Ing's House, 81, New Bond Street, which was maintained in part by public subscriptions. The methods of management of this home were exposed not long since in a Court of Law, when Miss Canning sued a Mr. Sivell for £34 for board, lodging and other expenses connected with the nursing of Miss Sivell, and Mr. Sivell counter-claimed the amount already paid by him, £19.

Judge Emden said the case revealed the existence of a nursing venture, which though described as co-operative was not co-operative, except for the purpose of decoying the public. He was bound to come to the conclusion that the whole of the transactions on the part of Miss Canning were a deception; that the agreement was not carried out; and that Miss Canning had neither the nurses nor the appliances to carry it out. As to the counter-claim, he held that the improper treatment to which Miss Sivell was subjected entitled Mr. Sivell to the return of the money he had already paid Miss Canning, and he felt it his duty to award Mr. Sivell £5 as damages against Miss Canning.

At the same time that this case was published we drew attention to the danger to the public, and to nurses, caused by such Homes. Their existence however reveals the fact that there is a laxity on the part of some medical men to enquire into the credentials of the proprietors of these homes, which they would not consider justifiable in relation to those of a colleague whom they called in to consultation. If medical men did not send their patients into these places they could not exist for a day; therefore the medical profession cannot be wholly exonerated from blame, that so many unsatisfactory private nursing homes exist at the present time. With regard to private nursing

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