NURSING ECHOES.

It is reported that Miss E. Margaret Fox, for many years the Matron of the Prince of Wales' Hospital at Tottenham, has been appointed by Sir Henry Burdett the editor of his anti-registration organ, the *Nursing Mirror*. Until now, for upwards of a quarter of a century, this journal, purporting to be for the use of professional nurses, has been edited and controlled by laymen, whose policy has been to oppose by every means in their power the justifiable aspirations of the educated section of the nursing profession. Let us hope that its proprietors, having at last recognised the fact that a paper for nurses must be edited by In the report of the Nightingale Fundwhich, as we all know, is associated with St. Thomas's Hospital—the retirement of Mr. Henry Bonham-Carter from the office of Secretary is notified. This gentleman, who is now eighty-eight years of age, has filled the office for a term of fifty-three years, having been appointed in 1862, soon after the Fund was inaugurated, and a relative of Miss Nightingale, he was closely associated with her in her pioneer work for the Nightingale School for Nurses.

Mr. W. H. Bonham-Carter has been appointed by the Council of the Fund to succeed his father, and as this post is popularly supposed to be one of the most lucrative appoint-



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a trained nurse, if it is not to rank as a quack publication, will cease its bitter and uncultured opposition to the educational progress and organization of the nursing profession, which has become a byword throughout the nursing world.

Miss Fox was trained at Guy's Hospital, which, unlike several large London hospitals, permits freedom of conscience and action to its nursing staff on professional affairs. In accepting the editorship of the journal in question, Miss Fox, who is a professional woman, accepts responsibility that justice shall be done to her professional colleagues, and we wish her the moral courage to demand it. ments in the nursing world, we feel sure many "Nightingales" who have passed through the curriculum of training at St. Thomas's Hospital, and earned well-deserved credit in their profession elsewhere, will agree with us that the office might well have been given to one of these experts instead of to a man. There is no duty in connection with the office which a trained nurse administrator is not qualified to perform, and we regret that the Council of the Nightingale Fund has excluded its pupils from this bit of preferment. Women take note of these things nowadays. We have little further use for the customs of the sixties. 1. ¹. K .

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