

and private individuals, if they will only co-operate. I have just been studying the report of the London Hospital for last year, and think on page 30 you will find an excellent theme for one of your pungent "Editorials."

Under the heading of "Receipts," I read, amongst other items, "*Private Nursing Institution, £1,377 2s. 11d.*" In plain English, this means that this enormous sum is the profit wrung out of the arduous labour of the Nurses; in plainer English, it is the most shameless acknowledgment of sweating ever recorded in black and white in the report of a so-called Charitable Institution.—I am, yours, &c.,

DIANA.

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