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DR. ANDREW WILSON, F.R.S.E., in "*Health*," August 7th, 1891, says:—

"Decay was found to commence most readily in flaws or fissures, and the conclusions drawn from the experiments are, that caries is entirely due to external agents (that is, acids generated from the food particles and germs preying on the weakened teeth.)"

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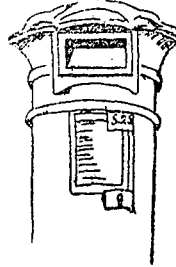
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.**

(Notes, Queries, &c.)

*Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.*

*We shall be happy to answer, as far as we can, all questions submitted to us.*

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

Sir,—I have observed that yours is the only Nursing journal that does not worship at the shrine of Bumbledom, or indulge in tepid and time-serving inanities, on the subject of the perfection of our Hospital system, especially in connection with the Nursing department. I am glad to see you are watching proceedings at Glasgow. Nothing could be more deplorable than the condition of the majority of Nurses working in the big Hospitals of that city. The Scotch are an enduring nation, but once roused, it is found that they have unlimited courage and tenacity of purpose. The Nursing Staff at the Royal are solid, and if they remain so, will gain justice.—Yours, &c., M. D.

*To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."*

Sir,—May I, as an old Nurse of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, venture to hope that you will use all your great influence on behalf of the Nursing Staff of that most

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