

SIGNOR PIETRO MICHELLI.

WE have received from this gentleman, the Secretary of the Seamen's Hospital at Greenwich, and the Honorary Secretary of the Hospitals' Association, the following letter, which, for convenience sake, we print in parallel columns with our remarks thereon. We insert Signor PIETRO MICHELLI's letter simply and solely as a matter of justice to the Hospitals' Association, upon whose proceedings we have commented, and which he officially defends. We disclaim any responsibility for any statements made in this letter, or any opinions therein expressed. We are glad to observe that our recent criticism as to the Hospitals' Association's correspondence being conducted on the stationery of St. Mary's Hospital has been taken to heart:—

THE
HOSPITALS' ASSOCIATION.
140, Strand, London, W.C.
18th July, 1892.

To the Editor of "The
Nursing Record."

SIR,—My attention has been called to some material errors and misstatements of facts contained in a leading article published in THE NURSING RECORD of the 14th inst. concerning the

While willing to make every allowance for Signor MICHELLI's inability to spell English words, we are compelled to protest against his curious ignorance of the fact that inverted commas are

used for exact quotations. For we did not use the words which he quotes. Our readers will, however, be amused to learn that Signor MICHELLI considers it is a "material error and misstatement" to say that a Committee was "formed of" certain persons, and that the correct English description is, that it was "constituted and consisted of" those persons.

1. The Committee on Nursing and Domestic Management was not "formed of the Matrons of several of the large Metropolitan Hospitals," but at the invitation of the Council this Committee was constituted and consisted of certain Matrons of the large Metropolitan and Provincial Hospitals, who were specially (*sic*) invited to join it.

2. It is not the fact that "a few months sufficed to prove to this Committee that an attempt to organise Nurses under the control of laymen would be fraught with the greatest difficulties, if not dangers," and the minutes of the Committee and Council contain no such resolution or expression of opinion.

We humbly confess that we were, until this moment, entirely ignorant that Signor MICHELLI had ever been the Matron of a Hospital, although we have heard rumours that he aspired to that position at St. Mary's Hospital. If he was not one of the Matrons who constituted the Committee in question, we fail to understand how he is acquainted with their feelings on the matter. We hold proof of the truth of our statement,

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