

from that point of view there are few things in this world that would not stand condemned.

The Badge is a bond of membership; let the holders be jealous ever of the honour of our Association, true to each other, steadfast to our cause. There are foes to face and fields to win; what better augury for victory could we have than in the union that has made Nurses a force in the present, and, if they so will it, a far greater force in the future? That any Nurse can stand aloof from our union marks an indifference to the true interests of her profession that might almost be called a reproach; at least, such it appears to a staunch supporter of our Badge, like—Yours very truly,

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#### THE POST-CARD EXAMINATION.

To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Dear Sir,—Allow me to acknowledge the volume of "Plutarch's Lives," which I received safely, and for which I desire to thank you.—Believe me, dear Sir, yours truly,

MARY MONKHOUSE.

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To the Editor of "The Nursing Record."

Sir,—I see from your issue of the 11th inst. that the President of the Board of Trade has refused to permit the British Institute of Preventive Medicine to incorporate themselves as a limited liability company without the word "Limited," because part of their business would "include experiments on live animals." A short time ago a similar privilege was sought from the Board of Trade on behalf of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and also refused. Is it that Sir Michael Hicks-Beach only approves of vivisection for human beings?—for such must resemble the fate of those hopeless fellow-creatures who fall under the dominion of the inexperienced London Hospital "pros," whom that Institution—according to the Blue Book—advertises and sends out to a confiding public under the name of "thoroughly Trained Nurses."

To be consistent, the President of the Board of Trade should rescind his decision concerning the Royal British Nurses' Association without any further loss of time.—I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

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