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EDITORIAL.

IN our criticism of Mr. BURDETT's evidence before the Select Committee on Hospital management, we arrived, last week, at his statement that, if anyone was dissatisfied with a Private Nurse, they could "write to the Matron of the School where she was trained, and then the Matron will go into her case, and, if necessary, they will call up the Nurse and deal with it." In another column we quote an incident which, unhappily, is by no means unique, but which proves what may occur when complaint is made to a Hospital Committee concerning a Nurse who was supposed, some years previously, to have been trained under their auspices. This Nurse had actually absconded with a quantity of valuable property; but, as a matter of fact, her conduct had doubtless directly contributed to bring about the death of her patient. But the Committee most naturally repudiated all responsibility for the acts of a person over whom they had no shadow of control; and, to emphasise the point, the sequel showed that the thief had probably never been in the service of the Hospital at all. Now, this is not a solitary instance, nor is it by any means as bad a case as many of which all Nurses have heard. The public are absolutely and hopelessly defenceless against Nursing impostors, at present, and against the serious results, direct and indirect, which these women cause. Mr. HENRY C. BURDETT and his friends are struggling to impede, or, if possible, to prevent the legal institution of Registration of Nurses, which thousands of professional people believe

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